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# MINUTES

OF THE

# North Carolina Annual Conference

OF THE

# Methodist Protestant Church,

Fifty-Fifth Session,

Held at Tabernacle Church, Guilford County, N. C.,
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The fifty-fifth Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, assembled at Tabernacle Church, Guilford County, N. C., Dec. 1, 1880, and was called to order by Dr. Paris, who, in a few remarks, pronounced the lately separated Conferences now one body.

LIST OF MINISTERS OF CONFERENCE AND THEIR POST OFFICES—ALL IN NORTH CAROLINA.

J. R. Ball, Greensboro.
W. H. Wills, D. D., Enfield.
D. A. Fishel, Littleton.
T. J. Ogburn, Kittrell.
A. C. Harris, M. D., Sassafras Fork.
C. F. Harris, D. D., Summerfield.
R. H. Wills, Greensboro.
G. W. Bowman, Shaw's Mills.
W. W. Amick, Winston.
J. H. Totten, Kernersville.
J. W. Heath, Pleasant Garden.
W. P. Martin, Monroe.
I. I. York, Albemarle.
W. Hammond, M.D., Yadkin Col.
S. W. Coe, Weaverville.
L. M. Nolen, Gastonia.
H. C. Fulton, White Road.
R. R. Michaux, Tally Ho.
J. M. Wood, ———
J. S. Dunn, Milledgeville.
R. W. Pegram, Elkin.
J. H. Gilbreath, Enfield.
John Paris, D. D., LaGrange.
J. S. Russell, Pleasant Hill.
Geo. E. Hunt, Brinkleyville.
J. P. Simpson, Henderson.
T. F. McCulloch, Oaks.
D. A. Highfield, High Point.
H. Lewallen, Asheboro.
T. T. Ferree, Yadkin College.
W. C. Kennett, Pleas't Garden.
W. C. Hammer, Asheboro.
A. W. Lineberry, D. D., Gr'sbo.
F. M. Totten, Matthews.
C. A. Pickens, Yadkin College.
H. W. Peeples, Oak Ridge.
H. S. Proctor, Beattie's Ford.
R. R. Hanner, Yadkin Col.
S. Simpson, Yadkin College.
A. J. Laughlin, Cedar Falls.
J. H. Cox, Columbia Factory.
J. E. Hartsell, Locust Level.
W. H. Lewis, Yadkin College.
R. R. Prather, Greensboro.
James Deans, Grassy Branch.

R. H. Wills and W. J. Ellis were elected Secretaries.

Dr. Wills moved that the papers concerning the union of the late North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences be now read for consideration and adoption. The motion prevailed, and the papers were read as follows:

The Joint Commission appointed by the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences respectively, for the purpose of consummating the union of the two Conference Districts, held an informal meeting in Greensboro, N. C., in January last, and adjourned to meet in Pittsburgh during the session of the General Conference, giving notice of the same. There being a majority of each commission in attendance upon the General Conference, and each member having been duly notified, the following members were present at a meeting held in the basement of the M. P. Church on the 3d day of May, 1880: From the N. C. Conference; W. H. Wills, J. H. Page, L. W. Batchelor, and J. M. Hadley; and from the Western N. C. Conference, J. L. Michaux, W. J. Ellis and C. A. Pickens. W. H. Wills was, on motion, appointed Chairman, and W. J. Ellis, Secretary. The following were the proceedings:

1. The Western N. C. Conference appointed Bethel, on Alamance circuit, as the place, and Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1880, the time for the assembling of the re-united Conference, but vested its authority in the Commissioners to change either. The N. C. Conference likewise authorized its Commissioners to do the same. The Commission therefore determined that the re-united Conference shall be held at Bethel, on Alamance circuit, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1880, PROVIDED the Commission shall receive timely and satisfactory information that the holding of the re-united Conference at Bethel, as aforesaid, shall be agreeable to the church and citizens. In the event, however, that it shall not be, then we appoint, at the time before mentioned, the re-united Conference to assemble at Union Chapel, on Granville circuit, having been officially invited thereto, or at some other suitable place; and we hereby authorize the Chairman of this meeting to make the official announcement.

2. On the assembling of the members of the two Conferences at the time and place appointed, they shall be called to order by one of the two Presidents, and shall be presided over by them alternately until a permanent President shall be elected. A Secretary, pro tem., shall be chosen by the re-united body.

3. The members of Conference shall proceed to business as one body, but if on the examination of official character any objection is raised, the question shall be determined by the members that composed the Conference from which the minister came. All other matters shall be transacted jointly or in common.

4. The certificates of delegates shall be accredited to the "North Carolina Conference."

5. It is the meaning and intent of this joint Commission to declare, by the authority vested in us, the re-union of the two Conferences to be virtually effected, and fully consummated on the day of their assembling at the time and place which may be appointed therefor.

W. H. WILLS,
J. L. MICHAUX.
J. H. PAGE.
W. J. ELLIS.
J. M. HADLEY,
L. W. BATCHELOR,
C. A. PICKENS.

We, the undersigned Commissioners, approve of and confirm the above arrangements.

J. C. ROBERTS.
J. L. OGBURN.
A. W. LINEBERRY.
T. J. OGBURN.
F. H. WHITAKER.
R. H. WILLS.

To the Pastor of Alamance circuit, and others; You will see in the "Methodist Protestant" and in the "Central Protestant" the action of the joint Commission in reference to the re-union of the N. C. and Western N. C. Conferences, you will please ascertain at the earliest moment and inform me as to the wishes of Bethel church, whether it desires to have the re-united Conference hold its session there, as appointed by the Western N. C. Conference. If any other church in N. C., besides Union Chapel desires the Conference to be held with it, the Pastor will notify me as early as possible.

W. H. WILLS. Ch'n. Joint Com.

Brinkleyville, July 20, 1880.

The following is the vote of the Commissioners for the place of holding the Conference. For Tabernacle: Michaux, Lineberry, Pickens, Page, Roberts, Ellis, and Ogburn. For Union Chapel: Hadley, Whitaker, R. H. Wills, W. H. Wills.

By authority of the Commissioners, I therefore announce that the N. C. Annual Conference, as a united body, will meet at Tabernacle, ten miles south of Greensboro, on Wednesday December 1st, 1880. The Pastor of Greensboro circuit will make all subsequent arrangements and give due notice of the same.

W. H. WILLS, Chairman.

September 20, 1880.

Pending a motion to adopt the above report, Conference adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Peeples.

## SECOND DAY.

Conference was called to order by Dr. Paris, and opened with religious exercises by R. H. Wills.

Certificates of delegates being called for, the following brethren were found to be delegates: From Albermarle—J. B. White*, Greensville. Jas. P. Jordan: Roanoke. T. L. Whitaker: Tar River. F. C. Pittman: Halifax. R. A. Hardee and J. E. Hunter*: Littleton. R. W. Harper: Granville. E. A. Powell: N. Granville. J. F. Harris: LaGrange. J. S. Wooten*: Orange. S. J. Lamb: Alamance. Geo. Stockard: Randolph, J. P. M. Pickett: Greensboro. W. A. Coe: Haw River. A. R. Troxler: Guilford. J. A. Gray*: Davidson. L. W. Cranford: Asheboro. J. A. Spencer: Cedar Falls. Peter Vuncannon: Mecklenberg. A. L. Thomas: Monroe. M. Garmon*: Catawba. W. J. Morrison: Buncombe. A. T. Eller: Winston. Alex. Evans: Mocksville. W. J. Ellis: Forsyth. A. C. Spil-

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man; Surry, I. N. Hunt; Winston Mission, Jacob Tise*; Stanley, Wm. Snotherly; Rowan, J. Y. Rice; Cleveland, L. E. Saine.

All marked with a star, thus (*) were absent.

Conference adjourned to 1 o'clock, P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by Dr. Paris.

Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., and Hon. C. W. Button, of the Maryland Conference, were introduced, and invited to address the Conference, which they did, appropriately, and to the gratification of the brethren.

The question before the Conference, viz: Striking out the word "Western," which occurs in the certificate of the delegate from Randolph circuit, in the phrase "to the Western N. C. Conference," was discussed by Dr. C. F. Harris, when the following, by Bro. Gilbreath, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the two Conferences here assembled are declared to be one Conference, and that all certificates presented be accredited to the North Carolina Conference.

A letter from Jacob Tise, delegate from Winston Mission, was read.

Dr. Paris, President of the N. C. Conference the past year, read his report as follows:

Soon after the adjournment of the last session, I entered upon the duties and labors pertaining to the office of the Executive, as I understand them; and continued the same until the third Sabbath in November. I have visited all the circuits twice, and some of them three times. I made this difference because I thought my attention was more necessary at some points than at others. I have attended as many Quarterly and Protracted meetings as I found it practicable, under the circumstances. I will here state that the most of my labors have been on the Sabbath, as week day appointments seemed to be impracticable because of the smallness of the congregations at such appointments.

In reporting upon the condition of the several charges in order, I will begin at the Eastern side of the district, and will mention first,

ALBEMARLE CIRCUIT—REV. W. H. LEWIS, PASTOR.

This circuit is composed of three churches, two only being ours. The other congregation worships in a "free church." Steps were taken early last year to build a church a few miles from the last named house, to which the organization might be removed, and which seemed to offer to us an effectual opening, as the place selected was the prosperous village of Cresswell—a place without any religious organization. But too much apathy has prevailed, and the enterprise has made very little headway.

With Albemarle, I have an acquaintance of many years standing. Here we have some noble friends to our church,—men who know how to sympa-

thise with their minister if he is a faithful and diligent workman. I will add, that in my opinion, there is an opening for an active and zealous minister to enlarge this work; and I must be pardoned for urging upon the Conference the absolute necessity and importance of supplying this circuit with a minister of experience and enterprise, who is qualified to brave difficulties and overshadowing influences which have been springing up and affecting our cause here. Brother Lewis entered upon his work very promptly after the rise of Conference. He has held some protracted meetings, but I fear his report will not indicate much success. I will here add, that in financial matters, the brethren here have been noted for liberality according to their ability.

TAR RIVER CIRCUIT—REV. R. H. WILLS, PASTOR.

This circuit is composed of four churches. One of them being situated about forty miles from any one of the others, renders it by one hundred per cent, the hardest circuit to travel in the District. But its pastor has won no distinction as a croaker. He has gone into the "highways and hedges," and sought out new places for preaching, and thus unfolded the banners of our church where we were but little known. Some interesting meetings have been held on this circuit, and a number of additions have been realized. As to its financial condition, I am not prepared to speak understandingly.

ROANOKE CIRCUIT—REV. J. H. GILBREATH, PASTOR.

This circuit is composed of four churches, and has the advantage of a parsonage. It has long been noted as one of the strong circuits of the District; and while four other circuits have been carved out of it, it still has many elements of usefulness. Here upon this field, the N. C. Conference was organized on the 19th December 1828, under the Conventional Articles of "The Associated Methodists," and it may well be called the birth-place and cradle of Methodist Protestantism in North Carolina. There have been some protracted meetings here during the year with good results, and some increase realized therefrom. Finally, Roanoke has for a long time had a respect for its reputation by meeting the disciplinary demands of its pastors: and I hope it has not become lukewarm in the same.

HALIFAX CIRCUIT.

This circuit is composed of five churches. The last Annual Conference saw proper to leave it "unsupplied." This, I think, should have been avoided, as the Conference had at its disposal an ample supply of efficient ministers for the work; and no constitutional provision exists in our book of discipline for leaving a charge unsupplied when the Conference has on hand efficient men for the work.

After the rise of Conference I found myself unable to supply the circuit. The Quarterly Conference met and shaped out a plan, and made a request of me to do what I could in carrying it out. The plan was this: That as Dr. Wills had charge of the La Grange Mission, and visited it only monthly, he could give to Halifax circuit three Sabbaths, and as Rev. J. M. Wood was only assistant on Greensville circuit, he could be released from that field, and by giving two Sabbaths to Halifax, between him and Dr. Wills all the churches could have Sabbath preaching, and the interests of the circuit be thus met. La Grange Mission had no organized Quarterly Conference to ask any permission of in the case of Dr. Wills as required by the constitution. But as the plan on hand was one originated under the law of necessity, so I signed the paper authorizing Bro. Wills to act as Pastor of Halifax circuit: and as Greensville Quarterly Conference assented to the release of Bro. Wood, I appointed him assistant. These ministers have been quite laborious. Some good at least has been effected, and our church interests have been kept up, and perhaps some increase has been realized.

LITTLETON CIRCUIT—REV. D. A. FISHEL, PASTOR.

This circuit is composed of four churches, and is an offshoot of Halifax

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circuit. It is both numerically and financially weak. I understand from the Pastor that not more than two hundred members can be found upon it. Since Littleton Mission has been merged into a circuit, it has at no time raised for its Pastor what is called a disciplinary allowance. The only legitimate rule we have upon this subject was adopted by the Annual Conference of 1854. and says the claim of every single minister shall be $200.00, and for every married minister $300.00, and traveling expenses; and the allowance for children, table expenses, &c. The same it was prior to the General Conference of 1854. Our rule on page 43, book of discipline says, "No circuit shall be divided unless each part has ability to support one or more preachers." Littleton circuit, if I am not mistaken, has at no time raised the amount of $200.00. a single man's salary; while for four years past it has had a married man as pastor. Viewing the question in this light, with the additional fact, that very little headway has been made here, I would respectfully suggest to Conference the propriety of attaching Littleton to Halifax circuit; and of appointing a married man and a single one as its pastors. By such an arrangement in all probability, the cause of the church might be better served. and the ministry at least as well supported.

GREENSVILLE CIRCUIT—REV. J. S. RUSSELL, PASTOR.

This circuit lies principally within the limits of Virginia, and at one time belonged to the once prosperous Virginia Conference. Being possessed of too much firmness of purpose and devotion to principle to be led away from the Methodist Protestant fold by the wiles of selfish and ambitious men, it has had a hard struggle to bear up against the adverse influences that have been brought to bear against it. To-day it stands firm. The gallant stand it has made has even commanded the respect of those who anxiously looked for its downfall. When admitted into our Conference its churches all wore the impress of old age, and the marks of decay sat heavily upon them. Through the efforts of Bro. Russell a happy change has taken place, and to-day, by rebuilding, remodelling and repairing. the churches present a more inviting appearance than at any former period in the history of the circuit. During the year some protracted meetings have been held with very happy results. and some additions to the church.

GRANVILLE CIRCUIT—REV. T. J. OGBURN, PASTOR.

This is considered one of our strongest circuits, numbering about 460 members. and is composed of four churches. From the best information I could gather, this work is in a healththy condition. Its churches are all in a creditable and comfortable condition.

NORTH GRANVILLE CIRCUIT—REV. Z. T. HARRISON, PASTOR.

I regret that I cannot speak of the work on this field as I have on others. The circuit has been unfortunate and has sustained a loss that cannot soon be regained. One church of 74 members has left us (with the exception of two persons) and united with another communion. I visited the community where this secession occurred. for the purpose of inquiring into the causes of such a result. After making careful inquiry, I deem it my duty to lay before you the following statement for your information: On the 3rd Sunday in March I visited Pleasant Grove, (the seceded church) it being Bro. Harrison's regular appointment. A fair congregation was in attendance, but the pastor was absent. I found much dissatisfaction among the membership with the pastor. They complained that he had been at this church but once since June of last year, a period of eight months: and such was the dissatisfaction that they discussed in my presence, the subject of employing a minister of another denomination to serve them. To all this I objected and told them I would stir up their pastor to a sense of his duty. I promptly wrote him a statement and kindly admonished him of the necessity of taking steps promptly to reestablish a proper state of affairs with this church. He attended in April. failed in May. attended in June. was absent in July. In August he

held a protracted meeting with success, and left it on Thursday when it had assumed very encouraging features; and at the solicitation of some of the members he sent an invitation to Rev. Mr. Hurley of the Christian Church to come and carry on the meeting. Before Bro. Harrison left he addressed the church upon the subject of finance, and told them the Quarterly Meeting talked of throwing Pleasant Grove out of the circuit on account of its financial delinquency. And if it did throw them out he hoped the Baptists would come in and build up a church.

This constituted the feather that broke the camel's back, together with the well-known fact that Bro. Harrison had been telling it around the neighborhood that he intended to leave the Methodist Protestant Church and join the Methodist Episcopal Church. As soon as he had left, and Rev. Mr. Hurley had arrived, the church took steps to place themselves under the pastoral care of Mr. Hurley of the Christian denomination. Thus, a once flourishing church among us ceased to be. At another place, Silver Springs, where a small organization had existed another secession took place, which with the loss of Pleasant Grove, will diminish the numerical strength of North Granville above 80 names. I am thus careful in laying these facts before you, as I understand them, because I am forced to the conclusion that a very grave error exists somewhere, and that you should carefully examine into the matter, and pass judgment thereon.

### LA GRANGE MISSION—REV. W. H. WILLS, PASTOR.

This mission is limited to the town of La Grange and vicinity, and being situated on the N. C. & Atlantic Railroad, is a very desirable place for the establishment of our church. Dr. Wills has bestowed close attention to this field, and his labors have been attended with some good degree of success, under the circumstances. As yet we labor under the disadvantage of being without a church of our own. The subject of building is being discussed among the members, and I have no doubt that when we shall own a house at this place, the road to prosperity will be as well open to us as to others.

### CONTENTNEA MISSION.

By virtue of the authority vested in the President, by the discipline, I laid off a mission in the counties of Green and Pitt, where we as a church were almost entirely unknown even by name. In this I was guided by information derived from Rev. J. P. Simpson who had some general acquaintance with the country and its people. I appointed Bro. Simpson pastor of this work and he has applied himself to the work with zealous activity. His efforts have been fruitful. In the face of studied opposition one church has been organized, a lot obtained, and a house almost, if not entirely completed, by this time, while other places for preaching have been established. I regard this mission as one of promise.

### SUGGESTIONS.

As La Grange and Contentnea missions are contiguous, they might be united, provided an efficient and experienced pastor can be placed in charge. But aid from the Missionary Society will be necessary. This is an important question, and well deserves the careful consideration of Conference. With all the lights before me, I am of the opinion that this mission field may in one or two years grow into a good and self-sustaining circuit, under the management of an efficient pastor.

I now come to a subject for which I have no relish, and for which I think no one can feel greater regret than I do; but which the stern demands of duty as I understand it, require me to lay before you.

Rev. J. H. Gilbreath stands charged by common report with holding and disseminating publicly and privately opinions upon the subject of Baptism, widely at variance with the doctrine taught in our Seventeenth Article of Faith, and as recognized in our standard works on

Methodist theology and held by the Methodist Protestant Church. These strange doctrines he has preached on his own circuit at different times; and on the 3rd Sabbath of August last, did preach them with such boldness in one of T. J. Ogburn's pulpits that Bro. Ogburn felt constrained by his vows of ordination to arise at the conclusion of the discourse and contradict the heretical doctrines advanced. The statements made to me amount to this: Bro. Gilbreath holds and preached that Water Baptism is wrong, and an innovation; as making the minister a *priest*; as putting the administrator between the sinner and his Savior; as being also *contrary* to the teaching of Christ, and the spirit of the gospel; the one being opposed to *all* ordinances, and the other enjoining upon the disciples, *not* the administration of Water Baptism, but of the Holy Ghost. It will be apparent to every intelligent mind that such doctrine can produce nothing but evil by its introduction into the Methodist Protestant Church. In making the statement above I will name as witnesses for the information of Conference Revs. T. J. Ogburn, R. R. Michaux and W. H. Lewis. This affair is one of more than ordinary gravity, made so by the 5th section of our Elementary Principles, and the 13th article of the Constitution. We have our standard of doctrines. Every member of our body knows that if Bro. Gilbreath had avowed such doctrines when he was examined for admission into Conference, he would have been rejected. Or if he had avowed such when examined for Orders he never would have been ordained. But as he is now in Conference and ordained, and boldly proclaiming this heresy, the question before us is, What does duty to truth, to Christ and his Church demand at our hands?

JOHN PARIS, President N. C. Conference.

The above report was referred to appropriate committees. That part of it concerning Bro. Gilbreath with certain resolutions of the Roanoke Quarterly Conference was referred to a committee of three, consisting of J. R. Ball, W. C. Hammer and J. L. Michaux.

The official character of Dr. Paris passed.

Rev. A. M. Lowe, President of the Western N. C. Conference the past year, read his report as follows:

Time and pressing duties have not allowed an opportunity to state everything that might be important for this Conference to know; I shall give therefore, only an outline of the work beginning with

ORANGE CIRCUIT.

This is a small, compact field, and has enjoyed considerable religious prosperity.

ALAMANCE.

This is a large circuit, and has been attended with a great revival, at least at two points, which resulted in several accessions to the church.

RANDOLPH.

This circuit sustains her ground, but needs more energy in financial matters.

GREENSBORO.

This field embraces historic ground, being composed of some of the oldest societies in this section. We breathe to-day its pure atmosphere,

and live upon the fat of its land. Being liberal and hospitable, it doubtless shares a good degree of heavenly grace. It has erected a new house the past year.

GUILFORD.

The pastor on this work has done his duty, but something hinders success.

HAW RIVER, FORSYTH AND WINSTON.

These circuits are doing well. The first named has had a number of accessions.

WINSTON STATION.

There was, in early summer, a fine outlook for this important point on our work, but I am not advised as to what the success has been.

CEDAR FALLS, ASHEBORO AND DAVIDSON.

These fields have enjoyed a good degree of revival spirit among them.

MOCKSVILLE.

This circuit has been greatly blessed at one point with a gracious revival, and many were added to the church.

ROWAN.

I failed to make a special visit to this work on account of rain, but passed through it three times, and preached once. There is an opening for a good work here, and by care success is quite probable.

STANLEY, MONROE AND MECKLENBURG.

The first named, Stanley, is prospering and is taking a firmer and higher stand perhaps than ever before. But at the same time I am pained in having to state that Palestine Church has dropped from its class book the names composing nearly all of Adam Dry's family without *citation or trial.* The law of our church is, "No member shall be expelled or deprived of church privileges without an impartial trial." This matter could not be passed over in silence by the Executive. Of course, the Conference can act as it may see proper. As to Monroe circuit I hardly know what to recommend. If we could extend our lines to the town of Monroe, and gain a strong foot-hold there, then Monroe circuit might succeed. Mecklenburg only needs care and attention to insure success. A good spirit pervades many hearts on this work.

CATAWBA.

This circuit is too large for any one man to travel, but the pastor this year has succeeded admirably in adding strength to the church.

CLEAVELAND AND BURKE

These circuits were transferred to us from the Allegheny Conference. They were supplied early by placing Bro. A. D. Hunt on Cleaveland and Bro. Proctor on Burke. My appointment failed to be published on both of them. I can give little or no information in regard to the former, as Bro. Hunt has made no report. The latter stretches over a large territory, requiring a travel of more than 200 miles to make a trip around it. It contained a membership of not more than 50 when last heard from.

KING'S MOUNTAIN, MITCHELL, CALDWELL AND HENDERSON.

These circuits were also transferred from the same Conference, just alluded to. Henderson and Caldwell were supplied by the Allegheny Con-

ference before the transfer, Bro. ——— having been assigned to the former and Bro. W. P. Martin to the latter. When on a visit to the mountain portion of our work I penetrated the territory of Henderson, but did not see the pastor, therefore could gain but little information in regard to that field. However, our Bro. S. V. Pickens is of the opinion that a first class minister might succeed, which opinion is, no doubt, correct. The pastor of Caldwell reported in the summer somewhat favorably, but as to the true status of that work I am not informed. Owing to the disorganized and prostrate condition of Mitchell no one could be found who was willing to take charge of that circuit. Bro. L. M. Nolen was assigned to King's Mountain, but during the first part of the year he was confined at home by protracted sickness in his family. I am not advised as to the closing results of his labors.

BUNCOMBE AND PIGEON RIVER.

The former of these circuits has enjoyed in some good degree a revival spirit, and is an interesting work. Bro. J. H. Morton failed to take charge of the latter. His place was supplied with a man by the name of Todd who turned out to be a vile imposter, so Pigeon River has been without a pastor. It is not self-sustaining, and perhaps the best that could be done under the circumstances, would be to make a mission of it.

WAUGHTOWN, YADKIN COLLEGE, AND DAN RIVER MISSIONS.

Of these missions I have no report to make, as the pastors thereof have made none to me. Rev. W. G. Hamilton was duly authorized to take charge of Waughtown.

JERSEY MISSION.

This mission remained as it was at the close of the year last session—unsupplied.

Now if I mistake not, I have referred to all of our fields of labor, but the reference has been very brief, and is unsatisfactory to myself. For want of information in regard to the circuits transferred from the Alleghany work, I have not been able to give the information on the state and condition of those circuits that this Conference should know. There are some circuits that should be divided, but that matter is left to the wisdom of the Committee on Boundaries. In view of the growth and future prosperity of our Conference, I call to your attention and recommend to your careful consideration our Home Missionary cause. There are many waste places within our bounds, and many inviting fields where we might plant our banners if we had the men and the means. Care should be taken to place our most efficient men on our missions. They should be representative men to insure success.

I would also call attention to the Foreign Mission work. The Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions has informed me that $800.00 have been assessed to our Conference. The Sabbath School, and the Literary interests likewise need your careful consideration. Last, but not least, I would call your special attention to our Educational interests. Permit me to repeat what I said in a former report on this subject; "Our policy in the future should be to educate our people, especially our ministers. Number or territory does not rank churches, States or nations. Capacity and opportunity do not, but a developed ability and a judicious use of opportunity do. The times demand an intelligent ministry and laity. Ignorance breeds stinginess, and in fact is the father of error. If we would succeed as a denomination, we must wake up the dormant faculties of our offspring, upon whom the hope of the church depends. To this end I would invite your earnest attention to our Yadkin College, which now has a greater patronage than ever before. Quite a handsome sum has already been subscribed for the purpose of erecting a new college building, and with a little more financial aid, and a united cooperation of this Conference, we may soon have a building and a

College that shall challenge our admiration, and of which we all may be proud.

In concluding this imperfect report, I am moved with a desire to thank God for his loving kindness and tender mercies towards us since our last annual meeting; but it gives me pain to remember that our dear and venerated brother, Rev. Alson Gray, D. D., no longer answers to the call of your annual roll, but it affords comfort to believe that "when the general roll is called he will be there," shining with victory and covered with glory. His name has been connected with this Conference until now. Nature had done much for him, but grace had done more. His life was long and useful, being protracted through more than four score years. Hundreds of souls have been saved through his instrumentality. The M. P. Church in N. C. owes to his name and memory a debt of gratitude more lasting than marble busts or monumental walls. Who among us can gather up his mantle, and emulate his energy, his unbounded zeal and his great usefulness? Peace to his memory! Calm and green be the grave of this truly Christian hero!

In the case of Rev. J. S. Dunn referred for trial by the Western N. C. Conference at its last session, I report that a full investigation was made, and the charges were not sustained. A. M. LOWE,

President Western N. C. Conference.

That part of the above report concerning A. Dry's family was referred to a special committee of three as follows: W. C. Kennett, A. J. Laughlin and W. W. Amick.

That part relating to A. Gray, D. D., was referred to a committee consisting of C. F. Harris, S. Simpson and A. J. Laughlin.

Bro. Lowe's official character passed.

Rev. J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, was introduced and invited to address the Conference on the subject of education Saturday 11 A. M.

Conference adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

## THIRD DAY.

Conference was called to order by Dr. Paris, and opened with religious exercises by Bro. Hunt.

In the examination of official character, that of all the ministers passed except Z. T. Harrison's and H. C. Fulton's. That part of Dr. Paris's report relating to Bro. Harrison and North Granville circuit was referred to a committee composed of A. C. Harris, T. J. Ogburn and E. A. Powell, whose report was adopted as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the President's report relating to North Granville circuit and its pastor, Rev. Z. T. Harrison, beg leave to report:

1. That he failed to visit one of the churches during the year, though required to do so by the Quarterly Conference.

2. That he did not reach his appointment at Pleasant Grove till the month of April; failed in May and in July; and during the protracted

exercises in August stated in a public address before the congregation, "that the Quarterly Conference had talked of throwing them out of the circuit on account of delinquencies on the subject of finance;" of which one of your committee being a member of the Quarterly Conference, and J. F. Harris, a witness before us, being also a member of the Quarterly Conference, heard nothing until the report was read in the Annual Conference: And further expressed a "hope if thrown out, the Baptists would come in and build up a church."

3. Prior to this address on finance he had been "telling it around the neighborhood, that he intended to leave the Methodist Protestant Church and join the Methodist Episcopal Church," to the injury of the M. P. Church as we conceive, and it was the probable cause of the secession of that church.

4. That he gave certificates of good standing to members who had already left our communion and had united with another, on the application of the preacher in charge, which action was unanimously condemned by his Quarterly Conference.

Assuming these to be facts we think that Bro. Harrison, has been derelict in his duties as pastor, and committed a grave error in the public declaration referred to; all of which we very much regret. With our views of pastoral duties, and without palliating circumstances—with the facts before us—we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the official character of Rev. Z. T. Harrison do not pass.

A. C. HARRIS,
E. A. POWELL.

Conference adjourned to 1 o'clock P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Lowe in the Chair.

Some complaint having been made against H. C. Fulton, he was referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Gilbreath, Hunt and Pickens, who reported as follows:

The committee appointed to investigate the matter concerning the personal difficulty between Bro. Fulton and a man employed on his premises, report that we believe, under all the circumstances, that Bro. Fulton was justifiable in doing what he did, yet he confesses to be very sorry for the occurrence. We therefore recommend the passage of his character. Adopted.

A letter from W. G. Hamilton was referred to the Stationing Committee.

T. L. Whitaker was appointed to receive the money for Home and Foreign Missions, and for Ministerial Education.

D. A. Highfill was appointed to receive the money for Conference Missions.

The following committees were appointed:

Itinerancy and Orders—W. H. Wills, T. J. Ogburn, S. Simpson, A. W. Lineberry.

Boundaries—C. F. Harris, J. R. Ball. R. R. Hanner, T. L. Whitaker and I. N. Hunt.

Finance—J. L. Michaux, J. H. Gilbreath, W. C. Kennett, J. F. Harris, L. W. Cranford.

Colleges and Ministerial Education—S. Simpson, J. L. Michaux, H. Lewallen, W. J. Ellis, W. A. Coe.

Unfinished Business—A. C. Harris.

Fraternal Relations—D. A. Highfill, W. C. Hammer, F. C. Pittman.

Conference Stewards—G. E. Hunt, J. S. Dunn.

The name of A. Gray, D. D., was called, and the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M. on Monday was designated for holding services in respect to his memory.

J. M. Waynick having joined another church, his name was stricken from the roll.

Rev. J. P. Simpson, formerly of the M. E. Church, South, was received into the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

## FOURTH DAY.

Conference was called to order by President Lowe, and opened with religious exercises by Dr. Wills.

Conference proceeded to elect a President for the ensuing year. J. R. Ball was elected on the first ballot.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered Bros. Lowe and Paris for the faithful discharge of their duties the past year.

It was moved that the Stationing Committee consist of the President and one delegate from each charge. Some amendments were offered, and a lengthy discussion ensued, but the original motion prevailed.

Conference adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

The sum of $25.00 was ordered to be paid to Rev. R. R. Prather, by the Superannuated Fund Society.

Committee on Temperance* was appointed as follows: J. Paris,

*This committee made no report. Pub. com.

G. E. Hunt, W. A. Coe, to whom a resolution signed by D. A. Highfill, C. A. Pickens and J. L. Michaux was referred.

Committee on the Bible Cause—J. P. Simpson, C. A. Pickens. A. W. Lineberry.

Conference adjourned.

## FIFTH DAY.

Conference was called to order by the President, and opened with religious exercises by Dr. Paris.

The following resolution by Dr. C. F. Harris was adopted:

WHEREAS, The late General Conference at Pittsburgh did adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Hymn Book Committee be authorized to correspond with Hymn Book publishers, and if in their judgment a suitable Hymn Book already compiled and published can be found, they shall be empowered to accept and adopt it. Now therefore resolved by the re-united Conference of the N. C. District, that we earnestly recommend said Hymn Book Committee to adopt and reproduce the Hymn Book published by W. J. C. Dulany & Co., of Baltimore, Md.

J. H. Totten was appointed a Committee on Statistics.

Dr. A. C. Harris was appointed to receive all money collected for the Orphan Asylum at Oxford.

The question of the Winston church debt came up, when C. F. Harris promised to pay $100, J. R. Ball $100, J. W. Heath $100, W. J. Ellis $100, J. F. Harris $100, J. P. M. Pickett $25, W. H. Wills $50, C. A. Pickens $25, provided the property be secured to the Methodist Protestant Church. J. R. Ball was appointed to receive the money and settle the matter. He was directed to have the property insured in a good Insurance Company before he pays any of the money subscribed above. Subsequently C. F. Harris and J. W. Heath were selected to act in company with Bro. Ball to inquire into the title of Winston Church.

The committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a report which was adopted:

Your committee on Itineranev and Orders respectfully recommend Bros. W. A. Bunch and J. N. Garrett for Orders, but that they be continued under the care and supervision of the committee in view of their future employment under the Stationing authority.

2. We also recommend Bro. J. E. Hartsell both for Itinerancy and Orders.

3. That Bro. J. C. Patterson may be employed by the President if he deem it expedient.

4. We find in the examination of W. Hammond, M. D., himself and of his papers, both to be satisfactory: and we recommend him for employment

as a licentiate, if not by the Stationing authority, then by the President.

Bros. Bunch, Garrett and Hartsell were elected to Elder's Orders, and subsequently ordained.

J. L. Michaux, C. F. Harris and R. H. Wills were appointed a committee to prepare obituaries of Revs. Joseph Causey and J. L. Swain, deceased.

The committee to prepare an obituary of Rev. Alson Gray, D. D., reported as follows:

We recommend for your adoption the resolutions of the 4th Quarterly Conference of Alamance Circuit; as follows: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" 2 Sam. 3:38.

WHEREAS, The Rev. Alson Gray, of the Western North Carolina Conference, fell asleep in the Lord, at the house of his son, Mr. J. A. Gray, in Guilford county, N. C., Thursday evening, Sept. 25, 1880, at 9 o'clock, P. M. aged 82 years: therefore

1. RESOLVED by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Alamance Circuit. That the chief elements which constitute real greatness in man centered in him.

2. That while it is impossible for this Quarterly Conference in the absence of the records and traditions, to prepare a proper statement of the facts of his long, useful and exemplary life; yet when we think we shall see his face no more in this world, we are distressed. In his youth he espoused the cause of the Methodist Protestant Church, which he served with all his might under all the disadvantages known only to the early Methodist Reformers.

He had but few advantages for instruction; only such as the common school afforded were his. He was sprightly in conversation; he was dear to the Church; he was President of the old N. C. Conference many terms: he was frequently elected to represent us in the General Conference; he was a quiet, unobstrusive man; his labors were incessant, and few men ever equalled him in zeal; he was not ultra, but conservative in his views; his meekness was conspicuous, and his constancy never wavered. In the main he was unselfish; he was an honest man; he was well read in nearly all the Wesleys and the early Methodists wrote; he was a hard student of the Bible, hence he was sound in his theology. He was earnest in the cause of education; but for his labors we should not have been blessed with our College, to throw its light athwart the pale of the church to touch into activity the mental forces of our sons. He had the missionary spirit to an unusual degree; his spirit was cheerful, and his patience triumphant. Ofttimes the fires of burning eloquence flamed out from his soul, holding massive congregations in rapt attention. His piety was remarkable; his constant aim and theme was holiness of heart; his prayers were fervent.

In connection with these statements, we give to our brethren everywhere an extract from a letter written by Mrs. J. A. Gray, a daughter-in-law, to Miss Swann Harris, of Summerfield, N. C., in relation to his last days on earth: "He came home from Flat Rock meeting sick or complaining, and lay in bed half his time. I would go to his room and ask him if he was sick, and he would say, 'No, I am just resting.' He complained of being tired. Then he took a notion he would go to Tabernacle Camp, so he fixed and got off, though very unwell; did not stay long. Came home unwell still, and complained of being tired; lay in bed half his time up to the third Sunday, when he was to have assisted Rev. D. A. Highfill in preaching the funeral of Abner Coffin at Fairfield. He got up that morning, dressed himself, and tried to stir around to see if he could go; walked out, came back tottering, and catching to something for support, got in bed and gave up; never was

out any more. I never saw him so anxious to go before. If he had helped to preach that funeral, I think he would have been satisfied. He talked on Monday: said his work was about done; said 'Thank God, I am ready.' Yes, I say he was ready. He was very happy about a week before he died. The last time he came to the table he was happy; he talked all the time and ate but little. I felt impressed that he was not long for this world. He did not suffer much; I don't think he knew anything after Wednesday morning. He called me and told me he was getting nearer and nearer to the grave. I would ask him if he was suffering much? He said, 'No, not much;' and this was the last he seemed to notice. He appeared to be asleep and snoring; his breath gradually grew shorter and shorter, until it just stopped without the move of a nerve—more like the pendulum of a clock stopping of itself than anything I can compare it to. There was a large attendance at the burial. We all lost a good friend when we lost Father Gray, and the church a pillar. In the last prayer I ever heard him make, he prayed earnestly for our church, all the ministers and members; called Fairfield by name, and invoked the blessings of the Most High upon that Society. We all saw he was going as fast as he could; for one month before he died he became almost helpless. We all miss his wise counsels. We will never know how great he was until we get to heaven and behold his starry crown. * * * I feel more than delighted when I think of one day seeing him crowned and rejoicing. I often think of his meeting old Abraham, Isaac, and all the old prophets; he was well acquainted with their history, and to see Jesus whom he had preached and held up to a dying world for over sixty years. My mind wanders; I almost leave this transitory world when I begin to trace him. O, how I would like to have seen the convoy of angels that came to escort him home: I must desist until another time."

RESOLVED, That the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Methodist Protestant for publication, with the request to the Central Protestant to copy.

C. F. HARRIS, Ch'n.
NATHAN STAFFORD. Sec'y.

November, 1880.

The above report was adopted.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

The report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was adopted as follows:

The committee on the Bible Cause are as much as ever persuaded that the circulation and knowledge of the Holy Scriptures are essentially connected with our work and the prosperity of our church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we recognize, and that we will cooperate with, the American Bible Society and its Agents and Colporteurs whenever they come among us.

The following by T. J. Ogburn was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Conference requires that all moneys collected by pastors for our Home Missions shall be paid over to the Treasurer of our Annual Conference Missionary Board; in default of which they shall not be accredited.

The Conference ordered the minutes to be published in pamphlet form, and appointed D. A. Highfill Publishing Committee.

The following was adopted:

Your committee appointed to investigate the legality of the action of

Palestine Church on Stanley Circuit in dropping from the roll of members the family of Adam Dry, after having investigated the matter the best we could, beg leave to submit the following:

According to the evidence produced, we believe that the parties dropped had ceased to take an interest in the church; and this view of the subject is further sustained by the fact that the parties dropped have connected themselves to another branch of the church: Therefore, according to a proviso in our Constitution, page 13, sec. 3, we believe the action was legal. But perhaps, for the good of the church, it had been better not to have acted so hastily. In the conclusion of this report, we recommend, that if the members dropped sincerely desire to return to membership at Palestine, that they make application to the class, and settle the difficulty among themselves.

The name of Z. T. Harrison was ordered to be stricken from the roll.

Rev. J. W. Wellons, of the Christian Church, was introduced and delivered his fraternal address, which was responded to by the Chair.

Conference adjourned to 7 P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

The Standing District Committee was elected as follows:

J. N. Garrett, R. H. Wills. A. W. Lineberry, J. L. Ogburn, W. A. Coe, J. A. Gray.

The committee on Fraternal Relations offered the following, which was adopted:

Rev. J. W. Wellons, of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Christian Church, has come among us as the Fraternal Messenger of his Conference. We gladly welcome him among us as such, and listen to his expressions of brotherly love and kind regards for us with pleasure.

We have also had among us Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., and Hon. C. W. Button, of the Maryland Conference M. P. Church, as visitors of their own accord, whose visit cheered our hearts, and whose sweet counsel gladdened and encouraged our souls. If any, or all of the above named brethren can come among us again, officially or otherwise, we shall give them a hearty reception.

Your committee would recommend the appointment of a Fraternal Messenger to the N. C. and Va. Conference of the Christian Church, and two Messengers to the Maryland Conference, to bear the fraternal greeting of this Conference to them.

T. J. Ogburn was appointed to ascertain the several items subject to taxation for the various charges on the District.

W. H. Wills read a report respecting the Superannuated Fund Society which was adopted as follows:

At the Annual Conference of December, 1878, a committee was appointed consisting of W. H. Wills. J. H. Gilbreath and T. J. Ogburn to examine into and audit the account of L. W. Batchelor, Treasurer of the Superannuated

Fund Society. The committee failed to act; and at the session of December 1879, the committee was continued, and D. B. Bell added thereto. On the 11th Jan., 1880, three of the committee, viz: W. H. Wills, J. H. Gilbreath and D. B. Bell met in Enfield. The Treasurer submitted a detailed account, in which he acknowledged an indebteddess to Nov. 15, 1879, of $3785.49, to which the committee added an item of $76.08, making a total of $3861.57. This account, marked A, accompanies this report. Your committee found that the Treasurer had charged himself with all Confederate bonds, as also all collections made in Confederate money, at their par value, and with compound interest upon the whole amount. The committee therefore adjusted the account as follows:

Amount due as set forth in account A - - - - - - $3861.57
From which deduct the bond in his hands as set forth in F. H. Whitaker's receipt marked B, turned over to him - $2258.28
Balance due - - - - - - - - - - - - $1603.29.

From this deduct on a certain note due Nov. 1856, and collected in Confederate money $323.64—Depreciation one-half: leaving due total of $161.82 with interest from Nov. 1862 $274.89, making a total of $436.71 which deducted from the aforesaid balance of $1603.29 leaves Dr. Batchelor's indebtedness to be $1166.58. For this amount we have taken his individual note with interest from Nov. 15, 1879, and to secure which we have a mortgage on 240 acres of land, properly signed, probated and recorded in the office of Halifax County, and subject to foreclosure at any time after Jan. 1st, 1881, and which is embraced in the present Treasurer's receipt. Your committee have turned over to F. H. Whitaker, appointed Treasurer by the Conference of Dec. 1879, in place of the former Treasurer resigned, all the notes and bonds aforesaid, as also the mortgage before set forth as by his receipt referred to, marked B.

So your committee find the assets of the Society to be the bonds as heretofore specified, having a nominal value of $2258.28, with the bond of L. W. Batchelor, and mortgage $1166.58. Making the nominal amount of $3424.86.

We are glad to add that Dr. Batchelor has afforded us all proper facilities, and we have found nothing in his transactions to which any exceptions have been taken.

Signed on behalf of the committee, W. H. WILLS, Ch'n.
Nov. 29, 1880.

The Board of Trustees of the Superannuated Fund Society was increased in number by electing J. F. Harris, F. H. Whitaker and A. C. Harris; and the Board was directed to seek to be incorporated by the next Legislature of North Carolina as the Board of the Superannuated Fund Society of the N. C. Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. The Board was also instructed to collect interest on the Superannuated Fund, and report the same to this Conference at its next session.

The report of the committee on Colleges was adopted as follows:

There are three colleges owned and controlled by the M. P. Church: Adrian College, located at Adrian, Mich., has ample grounds, large and commodious buildings, with all the appurtenances necessary to a first-class College; and with a large corps of Professors under the Presidency of Dr. G. B. McElroy, offers superior advantages to parents desiring to give their children a polished education. We learn with regret of the recent destruction by fire, of one of the College buildings there. We beg to commend it to

you as deserving, not only your patronage, but also your sympathy and assistance in this hour of trial.

Western Maryland College, located at Westminster, Md., also possesses many advantages, now that it is being rapidly freed from debt; it is enjoying a season of prosperity which will, no doubt, place it upon the road to ultimate success. It deserves the patronage and support of the church throughout our communion.

Yadkin College as the foster child of this Conference, has special claims upon this body. Under its present management it has been steadily gaining ground until now it has a larger patronage than ever before; and its ultimate success seems assured; provided the funds necessary to erect suitable buildings, and secure proper appliances can be promptly furnished. In this connection your committee would impress upon this Conference the necessity of uniting their efforts and bringing their aid to this College. A sufficient amount of money is subscribed to put the wall of the new College up and roof it, and some of this money is collected. The Trustees will need almost $2,000 more in finishing the house, and we urge the members of Conference to co-operate with the Trustees in securing this money.

The following was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Conference appoint one of its members to preach on the subject of the Christian Ministry, (at the next session, I presume. Pub. Com.)

The month of May was set apart for special services in behalf of the Ministry among us, when every pastor shall deliver such a sermon or address as he may judge most useful in promoting Ministerial Education in this Conference.

RESOLVED, That the pastors of this Conference are earnestly requested to organize a Woman's Missionary Society in all our pastoral charges whenever and wherever practicable; and that a Constitution and By-laws for the conduct of said Societies be provided by an appointee of this Conference, and that the same be published in the Central Protestant.

The Finance committee's report was adopted as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report on the matter of assessments for the reimbursement of representatives of the N. C. Conference to the late General Conference. Amount of deficiency at present $42.64. Of this amount we assess N. Granville $5.00, Granville $17.00, Littleton $6.00, Greensville $12.00.

Chestnut Ridge, on Orange circuit, was selected as the place, and Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in December 1881, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the time for convening the next session of Conference.

## STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORT—J. R. BALL, PRESIDENT.

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| Albemarle Circuit | — | John Paris. |
| Tar River | " | W. H. Wills. |
| Roanoke | " | To be supplied. |
| Greensville | " | J. S. Russell. |
| Littleton | " | D. A. Fishel. |
| Halifax | " | G. E. Hunt |
| Granville | " | T. J. Ogburn. |

N. Granville " J. P. Simpson, A.C.Harris, Supernumerary.
La Grange Mission—To be supplied.
Orange Circuit—T. F. McCulloch.
Alamance " C. F. Harris.
Randolph " D. A. Highfill.
Greensboro " R. H. Wills.
Haw River " H. Lewallen.
Guilford " G. W. Bowman.
Winston " T. T. Ferree.
Winston Mission—W. W. Amick.
Forsyth Circuit—W. C. Kennett.
Surry Mission—J. H. Totten.
Davidson Circuit—W. C. Hammer.
Asheboro " J. W. Heath.
Cedar Falls " A. W. Lineberry.
Monroe " W. P. Martin.
Mecklenburg " F. M. Totten.
Stanley " I. I. York.
Mocksville " C. A. Pickens, W. Hammond.
Catawba " H. W. Peeples.
Buncombe " S. W. Coe.
Burke " H. S. Proctor.
Caldwell " L. M. Nolen.
Rowan Mission—R. R. Hanner.
Dan River " H. C. Fulton.
Waughtown " W. G. Hamilton.
Yadkin College Mission—S. Simpson.
Pigeon River Circuit—Unsupplied.
Hendersonville Mission—Unsupplied.
Jersey " "
King's Mt. " "
Cleaveland Circuit—Unsupplied.
J. L. Michaux, Editor of the Central Protestant.
R. R. Michaux, in the service of the American Bible Society.
A. J. Laughlin, Conference Missionary.
J. M. Wood, J. H. Cox, J. S. Dunn, J. E. Hartsell, R. W. Pegram and W. H. Lewis in the hands of the President.
J. H. Gilbreath left without appointment at his request.
R. R. Prather and James Deanes, Superannuated.

## SIXTH DAY.

President in the chair. Religious exercises conducted by D. A. Highfill.

The following by J. P. Simpson was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the pastors of this Conference are hereby directed to preach a sermon at every appointment in their respective charges (where there is a society) on the subject of the support of the Christian ministry.

Report of the committee on Bro. Gilbreath's case:

Your committee to whom was referred the complaint of Dr. Paris, President of the N. C. Conference, against Rev. J. H. Gilbreath for the dissemination of doctrines at variance with the Standards and Articles of Religion of the Methodist Protestant Church, report as follows: We had before us as witnesses Revs. T. J. Ogburn, W. H. Lewis and R. R. Michaux. The first named witness testified that he heard Bro. Gilbreath present his views on the subject of Water Baptism in a discourse sometime since, and that he understood him to say that Water Baptism is wrong and tending to hinder the progress of the gospel; that wherever Baptism occurs in the New Testament in the form of a command, it signified the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Bro. Lewis was present and heard the same discourse above referred to; he did not understand Bro. Gilbreath to say that he repudiated Baptism as administered among us, but such Baptism as is held to be essential to salvation—that harm accrues to the church in such cases. Bro. R. R. Michaux testified that he had never heard Bro. Gilbreath express himself fully on the subject in question, and that he knew nothing beyond what he heard from him in private conversation, and this was that we, as a denomination, had been in the habit of asserting many things as Scriptural which are not of divine authority—referring to Water Baptism as an instance: That there is no divine authority for Water Baptism, though he (Gilbreath) did not hesitate to administer it as an ordinance of the church, founded upon Apostolic authority.

The undersigned believe that Bro. Gilbreath is honestly mistaken in his views on Water Baptism, or at least mistaken in supposing these views at all reconcilable with the position and ordination vows of a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. We believe that Bro. Gilbreath has allowed himself, erroneously, to assume on the one hand, that Water Baptism is unduly emphasized in the teaching of our ministry and has gone, on the other hand, to a dangerous and hurtful extreme in denying the presence of Water Baptism in many plain passages of New Testament teaching which would be in our opinion positively silly if understood as not including Water Baptism. We further believe that in thus antagonizing the views of Water Baptism as held by the church of Christ in general, Bro. Gilbreath has only set up his own newly formed opinions based on a frail foundation of fragmentary information culled here and yonder from sources by no means entitled to confidential reliance, against the views, opinions and practices of a large number of men who have given their lives and their learning to the acquisition of Scriptural knowledge on this and other kindred subjects.

We would be willing to learn of Bro. Gilbreath in regard to this or any other subject, but must submit that the idea of Water Baptism not being included in any command of the New Testament is too absurd to be thought of, much less seriously argued. Still we would hope and believe that Bro. Gilbreath will review his position on the subject in question, inasmuch as, so far from inculcating extreme views on the subject of Water Baptism, the Methodist Protestant Church has been and is notably liberal and inexacting on the very point in which this difference has arisen.

We take pleasure in bearing witness to the great zeal and faithfulness of Bro. Gilbreath, and regret exceedingly that his investigations of Scriptural truth should have led him into views so much at variance with those held and preached by the membership and ministry of the church to which he has pledged his life and recorded his vows. We are glad to be able to believe that while the views in general of Bro. Gilbreath are apparently so far at variance with those of his brethren, the disparity between us is not so great in reality as the words in which he expresses his thoughts would seem to indicate; but we would admonish him to be more careful in the future in the terms he employs with which to express his views on Water Baptism.

The Conference, in adopting the foregoing report tolerates the

explanation of Bro. Gilbreath together with his assurances that he will not either from the pulpit or the fireside advance opinions or doctrines antagonistic to those received and embraced by the Methodist Protestant Church as set forth in her Constitution and Discipline.

The report was adopted.

The following by W. H. Wills was adopted:

RESOLVED, That those pastors who have neglected to make their report to this Conference, as also those who have failed to revise and correct their class books, and to administer the Lord's Supper as provided in the Discipline, do not have our approbation; and that in the future those who may fail to do so, will be subject to the censure of this Conference.

The Conference has ordered three general collections to be taken during the year: 1st, Home and Foreign Missions; 2nd, Ministerial Education, and 3rd, Colleges. Each field of labor is assessed for each of the above objects as follows: Albemarle, $17.40 for each; Tar River $10.80; Greensville $29.90; Halifax $27.10; Granville $46.30; N. Granville $17.40; Orange $45.00; Alamance $75.50; Haw River $91.80; Randolph $45.50; Guilford $47.50; Winston $62.00; Forsyth $36.50; Asheboro $53.40; Cedar Falls $45.60; Davidson $63.50; Stanley $31.90; Monroe $14.50; Mecklenburg $33.00; Catawba $56.00; Mocksville $22.80; Burke $3.00; Buncombe $49.80; Caldwell $12.00; La Grange $8.50; Surry $28.60; Rowan $19.00; Littleton $17.80; Greensboro $60.00. Making a total for each of $1066.10.

Report of Committee on Literature adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe that there is a great need of general enlightenment and information, and of a wide awake lay membership in the M. P. Church in N. C., and

WHEREAS, We believe that one of the best means to attain this end is to circulate our church papers as widely as possible, and to introduce our Sunday School literature earnestly, and thus to bring up our children, not only in the admonition of the Lord, but also to make them Methodist Protestants in principle and practice; therefore,

RESOLVED, 1st, That we will do all we can to induce our people to patronize our church papers, and other literature as far as possible.

2. That all our Sabbath Schools supply themselves with our own publications in preference to all others.

3. We also recommend, that every family, in addition to taking the Central Protestant, take also one of the official organs of the church.

4. We hereby express the hope that every pastor will do all he can to carry out this expressed will of this body.

5. We also recommend to our people the Methodist Protestant Missionary, published by Rev. C. H. Williams, Springfield, Ohio, and the Methodist Protestant Magazine, published by Prof. D. S. Stephens, Adrian, Mich., as

being every way worthy of our confidence, and valuable helpers in their respective fields.

Report of Committee on Missions was adopted:

1. We rejoice in the success which is now attending our efforts through our General Board of Missions; specially that we now have a missionary in the foreign field in the person of Miss Brittan in Japan. Also in the fact that much is being done also on the frontiers of our own country in the home field.

2. We hereby renew our former pledges of co-operation with the Board in its work, and freely accept of an average apportionment of 10 cents per member to be raised this year on our respective charges, and will do the best we can to raise that amount.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education adopted as follows:

We are fully alive to to the pressing demands now being made upon our church for an enlightened and educated ministry. And while we recognize the valuable services rendered to the church by many of the brethren who have abandoned their fields and workshops to carry forward the standard of our church, yet the experience of the past admonishes us that our interests for the future will be best promoted by an educated ministry; and we would impress upon this Conference the necessity of supplying the means to aid young men who are attending our schools with a view to entering our ministry. We recommend also the adoption of the following:

1. That we fully co-operate with the Board of Ministerial Education as required by the Discipline, and hereby accept of the apportionment of an average of 10 cents per member to be raised on our respective charges during the present year for this object.

2. We accept of the proposition of the General Conference directing the Board of Ministerial Education to aid young men preparing for the ministry at Yadkin College to the extent of the means raised in this Conference.

3. We further recommend that should aid be needed for candidates during the present year, that they shall be recommended by the Sub District Meeting in the bounds of which they reside respectively, according to the law made by the General Conference. Said recommendation to be signed by the President of this Conference and forwarded to the Board asking for the aid needed.

4. We recommend that hereafter all applicants come to this Conference and receive their recommendation as required by the Discipline.

A. M. Lowe and J. H. Page were granted certificates.

The following by Dr. Lineberry was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community, for kind hospitalities given during its session in their midst.

Finance committee's report:

Your Finance committee beg leave to report that the President receive as his salary and traveling expenses for this year the sum of seven hundred dollars, assessed as follows: Albemarle $25; Tar River $30; Roanoke $45; Greensville $20; Littleton $10; Halifax $40; Granville $50; N. Granville $30; Orange $30; Alamance $45; Randolph $25; Cedar Falls $20; Asheboro $25; Greensboro $45; Davidson $35; Guilford $20; Haw River $45; Winston $40; Forsyth $20; Mocksville $5; Monroe $5; Stanley $5; Mecklenbnrg $25; Catawba $20; Buncombe $30; Cleaveland and Burke $5; Caldwell $5; Winston Mission $5; Surry $5; Rowan $5; La Grange $10.

The chairmen of the Sub Districts were elected as follows:

1st District W. H. Wills; 2nd District R. H. Wills; 3rd District C. A. Pickens; 4th District S. W. Coe.

The committee to receive from the various charges the amounts collected for Home and Foreign Missions reported as having received from different sources the following sums: For Home and Foreign Missions $342.61; Ministerial Education $138.11.

The committee to receive from the different charges the sums collected for Conference Missions reported that $171.10 had been collected.

Conference adjourned. The long meter doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by the President.

R. H. WILLS, }
W. J. ELLIS, } Secretaries.

J. R. BALL, President.

D. A. HIGHFILL,
Publishing Committee, High Point, N. C.

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# Minutes of the North Carolina Conference.

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The fifty-six Session of the North Carolina Conference met at Chestnut Ridge Church, in Orange County, N. C., Nov. 30th, 1881. Dr. Paris was appointed Chairman *pro-tem*, who opened the Conference by reading Heb. 3rd chapter, and singing the 557th hymn, and prayer.

J. H. Gilbreath chosen Secretary.

The Conference adjourned for preaching. The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. G. E. Hunt.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President, Rev. J. R. Ball, in the Chair.

The following are the Ministerial members of Conference :

J. Paris, W. H. Wills,* J. S. Russell, D. A. Fishel, G. E. Hunt, T. J. Ogburn,* J. P. Simpson, T. F. McCulloch, C. F. Harris, D. A. Highfill, R. H. Wills, H. Lewallen, G. W. Bowman,* T. T. Feree, W. W. Amick, W. C. Kennett, J. H. Totten, W. C. Hammer, J. W. Heath, A. W. Lineberry, W. P. Martin, F. M. Totten, I. I. York, C. A. Pickens, W. Hammond,* H. W. Peeples, S. W. Coe, H. S. Proctor,* L. M. Nolen,* R. R. Hanner, H. C. Fulton, W. G. Hamilton,* S. Simpson, J. L. Michaux, R. R. Michaux, A. J. Laughlin, J. M. Wood,† J. H. Cox, J. S. Dunn, J. E. Hartsell,† R. W. Pegram, W. H. Lewis, J. H. Gilbreath, R. R. Prather,† James Deanes.

Those marked (*) were absent ; those marked (†) died during the year.

W. C. Hammer and G. E. Hunt, were appointed a committee on certificates of delegates who reported the following brethren as delegates to this Conference :

Buncombe, W. T. Clinton; Forsythe, A. R. Hunter; Surry, G. W. Brown; Randolph, J. P. M. Pickett; Alamance, A. K. Johnson; Stanley, W. Snotherly; Greensboro, A. Staley; Mecklenburg, C. A. Bowman; Littleton, J. W. Harper; Orange, R. N. Thompson; Roanoke, W. C. Whitaker; Cedar Falls, J. J. Glass; Tar River, J. M. Cutchen; Winston, T. W. Hartley; Winston Mission, B. F. Norman;* Davidson, S. Boggs; Haw River, A. R. Troxler; North Granville, R. H. H. Paschal; Guilford, J. C. Roberts; Granville, E. A. Powel; Halifax, Dr. L. T. Whitaker; Catawba, C. L. Wilson; Monroe, W. C. Garmon; Greenesville, W. N. Garner; Asheboro, S. Spoon;* Albemarle, S. S. Norman;* La Grange, Dr. J. M. Hadley;* Rowan, J. L. Bradley;* Cleaveland, M. J. Morrison.

On motion of R. H. Wills, a committee was appointed to re-district the Conference sub-districts as follows: J. Paris, W. C. Kennett and S. W. Coe.

Bro. Lewallen moved that the Stationing Committee be composed of one delegate from each field of labor with the President added as Chairman, which motion was afterwards adopted.

Conference adjourned with prayer by R. R. Michaux.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9. A. M., the President called the Conference to order. Religious services by H. Lewallen.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The official character of all the brethren passed except that of W. Hammond, M. D., who had not been heard from.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President in the Chair. W. C. Kennett was elected assistant Secretary.

J. C. Roberts was appointed a committee to receive the money collected throughout the district for Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., Editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, were introduced to the Conference, and invited to honorary seats in the body.

S. Simpson, Chairman of committee on Colleges, reported as follows which was adopted :

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of your Committee, that the age in which we live is sharp and progressive, and demands more than the past ; and whereas, we believe that our duty to God and the Church requires this Conference to establish, organize and support every institution and enterprise which may be essential to the maintenance of our principles, the welfare of our people and the aggressive work of the Church ; and whereas, in the town of Yadkin College, Davidson Co., N. C., the M. P. Church owns some good College property, and has in course of erection a splendid house three stories high, with eight good rooms besides an audience chamber and gallery, the walls of which house are now built, and the frame of the rocf on ; and whereas, the sum of $1700 has been paid to the contractors, and about $2000 more subscribed :

RESOLVED, 1. That we commend the course of the Trustees of the College, and sympathize with them in their efforts to build up the Institution.

2. That it is the duty of the whole Church to co-operate with the Trustees in their efforts to collect the money subscribed and to secure the amount necessary to finish the College.

3. That we urge the Ministers to call attention to the School at all the appointments, to send as many Students as possible from their circuits to the College, and make a lecture during the year at all their appointments on the obligations of parents to educate their children as far as they are able, and educate them in our own Institutions.

4. That this Conference through the Trustees of the College, respectfully ask the Legisture to amend the Charter so that the Board of Trustees shall consist of 25 members.

5. That we take all the care necessary to make Yadkin College a first class Institution.

6. That we commend Adrian and Western Maryland Colleges to the favorable consideration of our people.

The report of the committee on Ministerial Education was read by J. P. Simpson, Chairman of the committee, and adopted :

1st. Since the Scriptures assert that the preaching of the "Gospel of Christ" is the divinely ordained method of its propagation, it is therefore the duty of the Church to provide gospel carriers—men equal to the task, and subject to a personal divine "call."

2nd. The nature of the Gospel, and the method required to propagate it, indicate the need of men of a LIBERAL, ABLE and MANLY character—vigorous, self-reliant, comprehensive, and masculine : in no sense weak or dependent. Socrates, even aimed at this in the education of his pupils, and a high authority has said, "Quit you like men ; be strong."

3rd. The acquirements of such an adaptability of character so necessary to a Gospel Minister, is a vastly important and devoutly to be wished for attainment of the mind and power of the Church. It is not a thing of art, but of growth. No clumsy imitation or glittering platitudes can perform the "role" of a Gospel preacher. Ignorance cannot promote, but must from its very nature hinder Ministerial

efficiency. Knowledge is power; and such power is, in its sphere, as much needed as any other power. The Ministers of the Church must meet the wants of her progress and of her institutions. They can best perform that duty in the double capacity of scholar and preacher. Not that they are identical, for neither imply the qualities of the other. But they are mutually helpful, like the human heart and brain, which conduce to the healthful exercise of the functions of each other. The brain is the organ of intelligence: the heart of force, power. So the scholar and the preacher mutually educate each other. Learning does not make the preacher mad any more than it makes the scholar a fool. He is not the character of whom it has been well said:

"How oft when Paul has served him for a text,
Has Plato, Tully, Epictetus preached."

He may have climbed the heights of Parnassus, but he was only a scholar; he must have stood on Calvary to be a preacher sent from God. He must have learned the language of Eden, Sinai and Calvary; he must have been drilled in the doctrines, morals and institutions of the Christian religion.

4th. It is our opinion that a scholastic and theologic education should go together. But we cannot point out the bounds of either, or describe better than we have done the quantity of each that our Ministers should possess. We dare not assume to lay open the routine through which our Josephs and Samuels shall go in order to be equipped for service in our Church or our Ministry. We would not exagerate our duty, nor under-value our privilege. Our fathers went before us without a standard or a measure of either scholastic or theologic attainments. Their zeal was held in obeyance to no conventional propriety or necessity. And no one will cast a stone at their learning, or theology, power or success. Therefore we do not feel it to be our imperious duty to say more than that any education that will give to the Church of God a Ministry of able, liberal and manly characters is quite sufficient for the demands both of the Church and Society. We would avoid on the one hand an overweening anxiety for scholastic culture, and on the other the factitious demands of Society. We do believe every good and perfect gift both from learning and theology may, and should if practicable, exist operatively and influentially in the life and character of a Minister of Jesus Christ—therefore we ask you to adopt the following Resolutions:

1. That we educate as many as practicable of our young men who profess to be called to the Ministry at Yadkin College, provided we do not go out of our church to seek for candidates for our Ministry.

2. That in order to facilitate their education we will organize a young mens' Ministerial Education Society.

3. That at the earliest practicable period the necessary steps be taken to provide for a Professor of Theology at Yadkin College; and that we the pastors of this Conference seek to obtain a contribution of five cents per member to aid in paying the salary of said Professor; and that this Conference see to it that this duty is performed.

Brother W. H. Lewis was elected Conference Steward.

J. S. Dunn was appointed to receive the money collected for Ministerial Education.

F. M. Totten was appointed to receive money collected for Colleges.

The President read his report which was adopted as follows :

Dear Brethren of the N. C. District in Conference Assembled :—We have passed through the laborious and trying ordeal of another Conference year ; and as your Executive I make the following report, however imperfect, of the labors and successes of all the pastors and their respective pastorates in the District.

Of the 29 circuits under my care I have visited officially all except Pigeon River, Burke and Caldwell. The one first named I have given little or no attention as it is so remote and scattered over such a large territory of mountainous country. I consider it impracticable to spend our strength here at present. Burke and Caldwell are nominal fields lying east of the Blue Ridge. I passed through portions of their territory, interviewed their pastors, and learned of their status. I will revert to this item before I am done.

The other circuits I visited and preached at, well nigh all the appointments ; and I am glad to say that the spirit of enterprise has been quite manifest on most of them. Many new and elegant churches have been erected, and others are now being built. I have been lead to hope that all the interests of the church are receiving an increased attention throughout the District, of which you can judge better from the reports of the several pastors.

The Roanoke and Cleaveland circuits were left unsupplied by the last Conference. The former was supplied with Brother J. L. Michaux in compliance with a unanimous call of the Quarterly Conference. The latter was supplied with Bro. A. D. Hunt.

The Mocksville circuit was supplied with W. Hammond, as associate pastor by last Conference, In June last, I believe, he asked for a release from that work, which I granted from reasons I deemed justifiable. Bro. Dickens, whom you appointed nominal pastor, has kindly looked after that work. I have visited the Yadkin College, Winston, Rowan and La Grange Missions. The latter was unfortunately left unsupplied. After a long lapse of time, much worry and labor, I procured the services of Bro. R. C. Blades, of Maryland as associate pastor, also the services of Bro. W. H. Wills, D. D. as pastor. These brethren entered upon their work here the last of April. As it regards their success I am not now prepared to say, I hope it has been good. The other three named are doing well in some respects, however Rowan, I think, should receive special consideration at the hands of this body, as it has not extended its territory. Surry Mission I did not visit, but am lead to think from what the pastor says that it is doing well.

Dear brethren, to your patient and prayerful consideration I submit the following suggestions :

1. That Pigeon River, Burke and Caldwell circuits be stricken from the list of circuits, and all the available church interests within the territory of the two latter constitute the Caldwell Mission. Also all the church interests west of the Blue Ridge, in Henderson and Transylvania counties shall be known as the Brevard Mission, thus covering the important belts of country between the Catawba and Buncombe circuits

2. That the Catawba and Cleaveland circuits be divided by the road leading from Shelby to Morganton, with the following appointments, Burke Chapel, Laurel Hill, Union Springs, Friendship, Kistler's, Lovejoy, Mt. Moriah and Mt. Pleasant to be known as the Cleaveland circuit. Prospect, Reep's, Kernipe's, Bess' Chapel, Lockey's, Pleasant Grove and Fairfield to be known as the Catawba circuit.

3. That the Haw River circuit be divided, attaching Davidson's Factory to the East end.

4. That the Dan River, Waughtown, Hendersonville, Jersey and King's Mountain Missions be stricken from the list ; also Surry Mission shall be known as Surry circuit ; and Rowan enlarged or attached to some other work. This will leave us five Missions, two in the West, two in the middle and one in the East, all of which can be worked with profit to the church with but a small outlay of the Missionary funds, and yet handsomely support their pastors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. BALL, President.

The Conference adjourned.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Brother R. R. Hanner. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Rev. E. A. Wilson of the M. E. Church South, presented certificate which was referred to the committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Brother C. A. Bowman was appointed committee on statistics.

Conference went into the election of President for the next year, and upon the first ballot Rev. J. R. Ball was re-elected.

Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., of Baltimore, and Rev. C. H. Williams, A. M., of Springfield, Ohio, addressed the Conference on the general interests of the church.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Brother Simpson offered a resolution relative to church property at Pleasant Grove on North Granville circuit, which was adopted and referred to the pastor of that circuit for legal procedure.

## FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Religious services by Brother W. C. Kennett. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

An obituary of Rev. J. M. Wood, was read, and very interesting Memorial services in memory of Brothers J. M. Wood and R. R. Prather, two honored and beloved Ministers of this Conference followed the reading. It was ordered that the obituaries of J. M. Wood and R. R. Prather (whose obituary is in course of preparation) be printed in the minutes, and spread upon the journal of this Conference.

The committee to write the obituaries of Bros. Joseph Causey and J. L. Swain was continued.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a report which was adopted as follows :

1. That Brother W. L. Hornaday came before us recommended to serve under the Stationing authority of the Conference. We recommend him to the President for employment, if he shall have work for him.

2. Brother E. A. Wilson, of the M. E. Church, South, having presented his certificate of membership to the Conference, and having been referred to us, was before us, and we recommend him for reception into the Conference to be placed under the Stationing authority.

R. H. WILLS, Chairman.

Letters from W. G. Hamilton and A. C. Harris, were read and referred to the President.

The report of the committee on Boundaries was read and considered by items and adopted as follows :

1. That the road from Shelby to Morganton be the line between Cleaveland and Catawba circuits. Burke Chapel, Laurel Hill, Union Springs, Friendship, Kistler's, Lovejoy, Mt. Moriah and Mt. Pleasant be known as the Cleaveland circuit. Prospect, Reep's, Kernipe's, Bess' Chapel, Lockey's, Pleasant Grove, Long's School House and Fairfield to be known as Catawba circuit.

2. That Level Cross be detached from Randolph and attached to Cedar Falls.

3. Detach Salem Church from Cedar Falls and attach it to Randolph.

4. Detach Sapling Ridge and Center Churches from Alamance and attach them to Randolph.

5. That Pigeon River, Burke and Caldwell circuits be stricken from the list of circuits ; and all the available church interests between Burke and Caldwell be known as Caldwell Mission.

6. That all church interest west of the Blue Ridge, in Henderson and Transylvania be known as the Brevard Mission.

7. That Henderson be detached from N. Granville circuit to be known as Henderson Station.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Brother Heath.

## FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises by J. W. Heath. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

The committee on sub-districts reported as follows :

1. We recommend that the first district be composed of Albemarle, Tar River, Roanoke, Greenesville, Halifax, Littleton, Granville, N. Granville, Henderson Station, with La Grange Mission.

2. That the second district be composed of Orange, Alamance, Randolph, Greensboro, Cedar Falls and Haw River.

3. Third District—Guilford, Winston, Winston Mission, Forsythe, Surry, Mocksville and Rowan.

4. Fourth District—Davidson, Asheboro, Monroe, Mecklenburg and Stanley.

5. Fifth District—Catawba, Cleaveland, Buncombe, Caldwell and Brevard.

J. PARIS, Chairman.

Conference ordered the Recording Secretary to furnish Elder's Credentials to Rev. J. G. Barker, and others who had not been furnished.

The report of the charter members of the Superannuated Fund Society was adopted as follows :

The Board of the "Superannuated Fund Society" beg leave to report that they have investigated the Charter granted us by the Legislature of North Carolina, incorporating said Society ; and in accordance with its provisions and requirements, have elected the following officers : C. F. Harris, President ; G. A. T. Whitaker and A. C. Harris, Vice-Presidents ; J. C. Roberts, Sec'y and W. O. Donnell, Treasurer, and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, we respectfully ask that this report together with the entire Charter of incorporation be spread upon our Conference Journal, and also publish in the minutes of this Conference.

We congratulate the Conference upon the fact of having this Society established on a firm and legal basis, and now feel safe in commending this Society to the confidence and support of the entire church.

C. F. HARRIS,
J. C. ROBERTS,
J. F. HARRIS.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY :

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact,*

SEC. 1. That Wm. H. Wills, Cicero T. Harris, Adam C. Harris, George A. T. Whitaker, J. C. Roberts, J. L. Ogburn, W. O. Donnell, Ferdinand H. Whitaker

and John F. Harris, and their associates, and successors be and the same are hereby incorporated into a body politic and corporate under the name and title of the "Superannuated Fund Society" of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina; and by that name may have succession and a common seal, and have power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded before any court of record or other court of this State, contract and be contracted with, acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property, and choses in action for the benefit of the Society.

SEC. 2. That the officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of contributing to the support of Superannuated Ministers and preachers of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina, their widows and orphans; and for the further purpose of carrying out the intents of this Act, the incorporators and their successors in office are hereby made able and capable in law to have hold, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors any estate or interest whatever; in lands, chattels, annuities, rents, bank-stock, registered debts, public or private securities, or other real and personal property, within or without the State, by due assignment, devise, bequest or other mode of conveyance, and the same at their pleasure to improve, lease, rent, incumber, dispose of, or alien in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent purpose of said Society; PROVIDED their entire property or estate shall at no time exceed in value the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

SEC. 4. That the Superannuated Fund Society of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall have its first meeting at Ridge Church in Orange county, on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in December, A. D., 1881, at which time they shall adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, prescribing the duties of all its officers and fix the times for holding the annual meetings of said Society, and direct how all moneys shall be invested, the terms of office for the several officers of the Society, and may alter, amend or change their Constitution and By-Laws by a vote of two thirds of the corporators or their successors.

SEC. 5. That the said Society shall have power to make any and all such by-laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary for its government that may not be inconsistent with the Constitution of this State or the United States.

SEC. 6. That all the estate or interest whatever in reality or personality, choses in action, rents within or without the State, devised, bequeathed given, or otherwise conveyed or transferred to said Society, not otherwise expressly directed, shall be invested as a part of the permanent fund of the Society, the interest only of which, with the interest of all moneys invested, shall be used for the purpose herein specified, and for no other purpose; or so much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 7 That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Read three times in the General Assembly, and ratified this the 4th day of February, A. D., 1881.

J. P. Simpson was appointed a committee on the state of the Church.

R. H. Wills was appointed Recording Secretary.

Shiloh Church on Winston circuit was selected as the place, and Thursday before the 1st Sunday in December 1882, at 11 A. M., as the time, for the meeting of the next session of this Conference.

RESOLVED, That the pastors of this Conference raise a fund on the respective charges for publishing the Minutes, and that when the Minutes are sold the proceeds shall be returned to a Treasurer to be appointed by the Conference; thereby making a permanent fund to be known as the Publishing Fund.

H. LEWALLEN.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to this community for their kind and generous hospitality received and enjoyed by us during the sitting of this Conference.

W. H. LEWIS.

RESOLVED, 1st. That W. E. Swain be and is hereby recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education as a proper person to enjoy the benefit of the Fund for Ministerial Education in N C., according to the directions of the General Conference, to pay and refund a certain per cent. annually to this Conference.

2nd. That the funds collected for Ministerial Education, with the last and preceeding year, be paid to Bro. S. Simpson to be used in conformity with the regulations in such cases.

S. SIMPSON,
J. PARIS.

A committee of three was ordered, the President to be Chairman, to be appointed by him, for the purpose of examining and recommending beneficiaries for aid at Yadkin College.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE:

The "Methodist Protestant" and "Methodist Recorder" are the recognized organs of the General Conference, and as such are familiar to our people. These papers ably advocate the distinguishing features of the Methodist Protestant Church, and keep our people informed of all matters of general interests to the denomination, and are entitled to the cordial support of the entire church. We are pleased to meet at this session of our Conference, Rev. Dr. Drinkhouse, Editor of the "Methodist Protestant," who represents the publishing interests of the church including the "Methodist Recorder" and the "Sabbath School Literature." All these publications are promotive of the life and prosperity of the church, and should have at our hands a most liberal support.

The "Methodist Protestant Magazine" is a deserving monthly, published by Prof. Stephens at Adrian, Mich., and is commended to the favorable consideration of our membership.

The "Methodist Protestant Missionary" is the name of an attractive, able and useful monthly, edited and published by Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, at the price of 50 cents per year. We are grati-

fied at having Bro. Williams among us at this session of our Conference, and trust that his mission among us may be both pleasant and profitable.

The "Central Protestant," published at Greensboro, N. C., and now in its 8th volume, claims special notice at our hands by reason of its having originated in a resolution of this body. For some months past, as the result of several causes combined, the "Central" has not appeared with regularity on its publication day. Among persons who have not been aware of the real causes of this irregularity, it has, no doubt, appeared that the management of the paper has been worthy of blame. But, indeed, such has not been the case. Sometime in February last the Editor engaged to discharge, as far as he might, the functions of pastor of the Roanoke circuit, which engagement, as the experiment proved, was unfavorable to the best interests of the paper. Quite soon the receipts of the paper were greatly reduced, and its income did not supply the funds necessary to pay running expenses. It was deemed best, however, to submit to this irregularity until the close of the Conference year, when it was hoped and believed that the friends of the paper would come forward in its support with such increased zeal and determination that all disadvantages should be over come, the lost ground more than regained, and the fullest prosperity be assured.

One pleasing and encouraging fact is, that while such irregularity has attended the publication of the paper and many people have thought that they had the best of grounds for complaint, a large number of our pastors have understood the true cause of the difficulty and have waited patiently for its removal. It has greatly cheered the heart of the Editor to hear the expressions of favor with which many speak of the present and future interests of the "Central Protestant."

One thing, however, is greatly needed, and that is a more decided and general enthusiasm in behalf of the paper, and with this it would not only have an assured life, but a prosperous life and a highly useful career. * * * * * * * * *

One fact should be remembered, viz: with the cost of requisite labor paid for, there would be no difficulty in getting out the "Central Protestant" at any hour of the night or day that it might be desired. Yet do not suppose that anything is asked beyond the income from subscribers on which to run the paper successfully. But there are some matters which can only be understood after a quiet and patient interchange of views among the members of this Conference, in view of which the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MICHAUX,
J. H. GILBREATH.

## STATIONING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

J. R. Ball, President.
Albemarle, J. H. Cox.
Tar River, E. A. Wilson.
Greenesville, J. S. Russell.
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Orange, W. W. Amick.
Alamance, C. F. Harris.
Haw River, T. J. Ogburn and J. W. Heath.
Greensboro, R. H. Wills.
Randolph, D. A. Highfill.
Guilford, I. I. York and J. C. Deans, Sup'ry.
Winston, T. T. Feree.
Forsythe, R. R. Hanner.
Ashboro, W. C. Kennett.
Cedar Falls, J. H. Gilbreath.
Davidson, A. W. Lineberry.
Stanley, H. Lewallen.
Monroe, W. P. Martin.
Mecklenburg, C. A. Pickens.
Catawba, H. C. Fulton.
Cleaveland, W. C. Hammer.
Mocksville, To be supplied.
Buncombe, S. W. Coe.
Henderson Station, J. P. Simpson.
La Grange Mission, J. Paris.
Surry Mission, J. H. Totten.
Rowan Mission, G. W. Bowman.
Waughtown Mission, To be supplied.
Dan River Mission, To be supplied.
Jersey Mission, To be supplied.
Winston Mission, F. M. Totten.
Caldwell Mission, L. M. Nolen.
Brevard Mission, To be supplied.
Yadkin College Mission, S. Simpson.

Anson Mission, R. W. Pegram.

R. R. Michaux, in the employ of the Bible Society.

J. S. Dunn and H. W. Peeples left without appointment at their request.

H. S. Proctor, A. J. Laughlin and J. E. Hartsell, left in the hands of the President.

J. L. Michaux, Editor of the *Central Protestant.*

The committee appointed to receive the collections for Home and Foreign Missions reported that there had been raised on the different charges the sum of $334.87.

The committee appointed to receive money collected for Colleges reported that $35.20 had been raised, and he was instructed to pay it over to S. Simpson, Agent for Yadkin College.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESOLVED, That we are gratified at having among us as representatives of the General Interests of the Church, Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., Editor of the "Methodist Protestant," and Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that we are in hearty sympathy with the interests in whose behalf their visit is made.

J. L. MICHAUX.
W. W. AMICK.

RESOLVED, That J. R. Ball, President of this Conference, and two other brethren whom he may appoint shall constitute a committee to take in hand the collection of a sufficient amount of money to liquidate the debt on Winston church building.

J. C. ROBERTS.

The Finance Committee's report recommends that the President's salary for the ensuing year be $700, assessed as follows: Albemarle $25; Tar River $30; Roanoke $40; Greensville $25; Littleton $10; Halifax $40; Granville $50; North Granville $20; Henderson $10; Orange $30; Alamance $40; Randolph $30; Cedar Falls $20; Ashboro $25; Greensboro $45; Davidson $35; Guilford $15; Haw River $45; Winston $40; Forsythe $20; Mocksville $10; Monroe $10; Stanley $15; Mecklenburg $25; Catawba $15; Cleaveland $15; Buncombe $30; Caldwell $5; Winston Mission $5; Surry $10; Rowan $5; La Grange $10.

The committee appointed to receive the amounts collected for Ministerial Education reported that $119.37 was raised.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows :

That the evils growing out of the traffic in alcoholic liquors are so hurtful to Society, we stand amazed at their contemplation. The church and the State must arrest this traffic, or the morals and religion of the one will be spoiled and the very existence of republican institutions in the other will be, nay are now very g reatly endangered. The church by its press, ministry and every other available instrument should suppress the evil within its pale, or else a new organization is inevitable. Now, therefore, resolved, that the ministry especially should urge constancy, kindness and firmness upon the churches in compliance with the Discipline, page 48, 3rd sentence.

C. F. HARRIS, Chairman.

A letter from D. L. Micheal. offering Shiloh Academy as a gift to the Conference was read.

The standing district committee was elected as follows : R. H. Wills, A. W. Lineberry, W. C. Kennett, J. C. Roberts, W. A. Coe and Jere Hunter.

RESOLVED, 1. That our thanks are due D. L. Micheal, Esq., for the tender of the property known as the Shiloh Female Academy, and that we accept the same.

2. That we appoint a committee to accept the property so tendered, and have the same legally conveyed to the church.

W. C. KENNETT.

The President, R. H. Wills and T. T. Ferree were appointed that committee.

R. H. Wills offered the following which was adopted :

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Conference that the "Central Protestant" is the authorized organ of the Conference, and that we consider it, to all interests and purposes the property of the Conference, and that we hold the editor, elected annually by this Conference, responsible for the matter published in its columns.

A resolution by J. Paris was adopted as follows :

RESOLVED, That a Board of three to be called a Board of Publication be elected who shall report at each session of Conference the State and financial condition of the "Central Protestant."

R. H. Wills, J. R. Ball and A. W. Lineberry were elected the Board of Publication of the *Central Protestant*.

R. H. Wills offered the following which was adopted :

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Conference that the use of tobacco is an evil, especially in the ministry, therefore,

RESOLVED, That in the future this Conference will admit no one that is addicted to the use of it.

The committee on Missions reported as follows :

1. We rejoice in the success which has attended our efforts through our General Board of Missions in our home and foreign fields ; and we do hereby pledge

ourselves to continue to co-operate with said Board in the grand and glorious work of carrying the blessed gospel of Christ to the dark corners of the earth.

2. And while we feel a deep interests in the work of sending the gospel to distant lands, we can not help feeling more interest in our Missionary work in N. C., especially when we consider the great good that has been done in that direction, and the vast amount of work that yet remains to be done.

3. We therefore recommend the assessment of 20 cents per member to be raised this year on our respective charges ; the half of which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions in N. C., and the remainder equally divided between the Home and Foreign Missionary work.

4. We furthermore recommend that in our future Missionary work that our ablest men be sent to the front, and paid a liberal salary for their services.

5. And for future operations, as we know of no better plan, we would very respectfully recommend the adoption of the plan set forth in the Essay published in the "Central Protestant" of July 6, 1881, and read before the First Sub-District Conference at Henderson, Vance Co., N. C., June 10, 1881. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. E. HUNT, Chairman.

Conference adjourned with prayer by S. Simpson.

J. H. GILBREATH,
W. C. KENNETT,
Secretaries.

J. R. BALL,
President.

D. A. Highfill, Publishing Committee.

# STATISTICAL REPORT.

| CHARGES. | No. of Ministers. | No. of Preachers. | Number of Members. | No. Received. | No. Probationers. | No. Deceased. | No. Withdrawn. | No. Removed. | No. Discontinued | Net Increase. | Net Decrease. | Number of Conversions. | Number of Churches. | Valuation of Churches. | Valuation of Parsonages. | Number of Periodicals taken | No. of Sabbath Schools. | No. of Teachers. | Number of Scholars. | Volumes in Library. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Halifax, | 1 | | 313 | 51 | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 42 | | 57 | 6 | $5000 | | | 2 | 15 | 100 | |
| Monroe, | 1 | 1 | 190 | 40 | 6 | | 5 | | | 40 | | 60 | 3 | 600 | | 5 | 6 | 20 | 300 | |
| Haw River, | 1 | 2 | 964 | 70 | | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 60 | | 90 | 9½ | 4000 | | 5 | 7 | 32 | 326 | |
| Buncombe, | 2 | 2 | 439 | 41 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 37 | | 105 | 5 | 1500 | | 55 | 6 | | | |
| Surry Miss, | 2 | | 307 | 51 | 4 | 4 | | 12 | 4 | 31 | | 63 | 4½ | 1800 | | 8 | 3½ | 15 | 96 | 65 |
| Mocksville, | 1 | | 247 | 19 | | 1 | | | | 17 | | 22 | 4 | 2150 | | | 3 | 25 | 198 | 218 |
| Winston, | 3 | 4 | 550 | 95 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 74 | | 150 | 5½ | 2200 | | | 6 | | | 200 |
| Guilford, | 2 | | 367 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 20 | 16 | | | | 8 | 1325 | | | 4 | 19 | 187 | 180 |
| Greensboro, | 1 | 2 | 695 | 86 | | 23 | 20 | 9 | 2 | 15 | | 38 | 7 | 4600 | | 235 | 9 | 30 | 460 | 100 |
| Asheboro, | 1 | 1 | 538 | 44 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 24 | | 35 | 8 | 2500 | | 23 | 6 | 25 | 250 | |
| Tar River, | | | 122 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 | | | | | 3 | 4 | 2900 | | | 2 | 10 | 40 | |
| Greenesville, | 4 | | 310 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | 10 | | 30 | 5 | 3000 | | 50 | 4 | 15 | 175 | 200 |
| Alamance, | 2 | 1 | 750 | 15 | 10 | 6 | | | 5 | 4 | | 40 | 8 | 3500 | | | 5 | 12 | 171 | |
| Winston Miss, | 1 | | 67 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | | 4 | 15 | 1 | 4000 | | 25 | 1 | 8 | 114 | 50 |
| Randolph. | 1 | 1 | 475 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | 2 | 32 | 7 | 1300 | | 13 | 3 | 15 | 100 | |
| Albemarle, | 1 | 1 | 162 | | | 5 | 1 | | | | 6 | | 2 | 2400 | | 14 | 1 | 3 | 50 | |
| Davidson, | 1 | 6 | 696 | 72 | 6 | 4 | | | 7 | 61 | | 57 | 11¼ | 2400 | | 87 | 11 | 40 | 538 | 115 |
| Forsythe, | 2 | 3 | 373 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 15 | | 3 | | 8 | | 6 | 2000 | | | 4 | 18 | 250 | |
| Rowan Miss, | 1 | 2 | 190 | 21 | | 4 | 2 | | 6 | 9 | | 33 | 3 | 900 | | 11 | 2 | 7 | 50 | |
| Stanley, | 3 | 2 | 261 | 18 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 14 | | 28 | 41 | 6 | 2600 | | 6 | 5 | 13 | 175 | |
| Roanoke, | 3 | 1 | 290 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | 13 | | 16 | 4 | 3200 | $800 | 75 | 4 | 18 | 154 | 150 |
| Catawba, | 3 | 1 | 409 | 99 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | 88 | | | 5 | 1800 | | | 3 | 10 | 125 | |
| Yadkin College, | 1 | | 36 | | | | | | | | | | | 4000 | | 59 | 1 | 4 | 50 | |
| Orange, | 1 | | 422 | 20 | 8 | 4 | 1 | | 6 | 9 | | 55 | 4½ | 4000 | | 51 | 5 | 16 | 260 | |
| Cedar Falls, | 3 | 3 | 455 | 32 | | 5 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 1 | | 27 | 7 | 2250 | | | 5½ | 29 | 337 | |
| N. Granville, | 3 | | 185 | 11 | 4 | | | 1 | | 11 | | 5 | 4 | 5500 | | 130 | 2 | 15 | 75 | 50 |
| Granville, | 1 | | 485 | 48 | 5 | | | | | | | 53 | 4 | 4000 | | 23 | | | | 75 |
| Mecklenburg, | 1 | | 357 | 59 | 14 | | 1 | 1 | | 57 | | 63 | | 1800 | | | 4 | 15 | 125 | |
| La Grange, | | | 78 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 1½ | 750 | | | 1 | 4 | 30 | |
| Littleton, | 1 | 2 | 195 | 25 | | | | | 5 | 20 | | 53 | 3 | 950 | | 7 | 2 | 18 | 153 | |
| Total | 47 | 35 | 12028 | 1002 | 98 | 119 | 92 | 75 | 117 | 723 | 48 | 1137 | 146¾ | $74925 | $800 | 882 | 108 | 457 | 5319 | 1403 |

Burke, Henderson, Cleaveland, Waughtown, Dan River, Jersey, Caldwell and Pigeon River sent no reports.

C. A. BOWMAN, Com.

# CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

| Pastoral Charges. | Pastors. | Pastors' Claim. | Received. | Deficit. | President's Claim. | President Received. | Deficit. | Foreign Missions. | Home Mission. | Church Extension in N. C. | Ministerial Educations. | Miscellaneous purposes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albemarle, | John Paris, | $350 00 | $234 93 | $115 07 | $25 00 | $13 10 | $14 90 | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ 5 00 |
| Tar River, | W. H. Wills, | 225 00 | 225 00 | | 30 00 | 30 00 | | 5 40 | 5 40 | 7 00 | 10 00 | |
| Greenesville, | J. S. Russell, | 325 00 | 325 00 | | 20 00 | 25 25 | | 4 00 | 4 00 | 16 00 | 6 00 | |
| Roanoke, | J. L. Michaux, | 350 00 | 350 00 | | 45 00 | 21 00 | 24 00 | 17 27 | 3 77 | | 3 77 | 38 30 |
| Halifax, | G. E. Hunt, | 400 00 | 425 00 | | 40 00 | 40 00 | | 13 21 | | 13 21 | 8 23 | |
| Littleton, | D. A. Fishel, | 200 00 | 210 00 | | 10 00 | 13 22 | | 4 00 | 4 00 | | 5 00 | |
| Granville, | T. J. Ogburn, | 500 00 | 487 00 | 13 00 | 50 00 | 51 00 | | 15 38 | 15 38 | 18 97 | 13 07 | 1 25 |
| N. Granville, | J. P. Simpson, | 500 00 | 500 00 | | 30 00 | 30 00 | | 8 76 | 8 70 | | 17 40 | 37 40 |
| Orange, | T. F. McCulloch, | 300 00 | 282 00 | 17 80 | 30 00 | 30 20 | | 5 40 | 5 40 | 17 41 | 2 41 | |
| Alamanee, | C. F. Harris, | | 344 00 | | 45 00 | 43 85 | 1 15 | 3 44 | | | 3 64 | 35 00 |
| Haw River, | H. Lewallen, | 400 50 | 364 31 | 36 19 | 45 00 | 35 25 | 9 75 | 5 45 | 5 45 | 10 90 | 8 85 | 2 00 |
| Greensboro, | R. H. Wills, | 500 00 | 427 00 | 73 00 | 45 00 | 45 27 | | 27 96 | 27 94 | 27 94 | 24 98 | 11 00 |
| Randolph, | D. A. Highfill, | 225 00 | 206 37 | 18 63 | 25 00 | 23 25 | 1 25 | 4 30 | 4 61 | | 8 91 | 150 00 |
| Guilford, | G. W. Bowman, | 200 00 | 167 00 | 35 00 | 20 00 | 8 25 | 11 65 | 7 40 | 7 50 | | | |
| Winston, | T. T. Ferree, | 350 00 | 325 00 | 25 00 | 40 00 | 34 90 | 5 10 | 3 73 | 3 72 | 5 40 | | |
| Forsythe, | W. C. Kennett, | 250 00 | 225 87 | 24 13 | 20 00 | 16 18 | 3 82 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 8 68 | 25 | |
| Asheboro, | J. W. Heath, | 276 00 | 260 00 | 16 00 | 25 00 | 25 10 | | 5 00 | 5 00 | 9 00 | 2 10 | |
| Cedar Falls, | A. W. Lineberry, | | 250 00 | | 20 00 | 20 00 | | 4 77 | 4 78 | 5 00 | 1 35 | 80 |
| Davidson, | W. C. Hammer, | 300 00 | 270 00 | 30 00 | 35 00 | 35 00 | | 5 00 | 3 00 | | 5 35 | |
| Stanley, | I. I. York, | 300 00 | 293 07 | 6 93 | 5 00 | 5 58 | | 1 08 | 60 | 60 | 7 00 | 2 50 |
| Monroe, | W. P. Martin, | 160 00 | 155 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 6 70 | | 3 00 | 3 00 | | | |
| Meeklenburg, | F. M. Totten, | 275 00 | 225 00 | 50 00 | 25 00 | 23 86 | 1 14 | 6 00 | 6 00 | 14 25 | | |
| Catawba, | H. W. Peeples, | | | | 20 00 | 21 10 | | 1 80 | | 1 80 | | |
| Mocksville, | C. A. Pickens, | 200 00 | 172 00 | 28 00 | 5 00 | 5 60 | | 3 00 | 3 60 | | | |
| Cleaveland, | A. D. Hunt, | | | | 5 00 | 7 90 | | | | | | |
| Buncombe, | S. W. Coe, | 200 00 | 200 00 | | 30 00 | 30 06 | | 9 00 | 9 00 | | 2 00 | 9 00 |
| Surry, | J. H. Totten, | 200 00 | 144 00 | 56 00 | | | | 11 80 | | | | |
| Rowan, | R. R. Hammer, | 140 00 | 100 55 | 39 45 | 5 00 | 8 50 | | 3 00 | | 4 00 | 12 00 | 1 00 |
| La Grange, | C. R. Blades, | 100 00 | 150 00 | | 10 00 | 12 95 | | | | | | |
| Winston Mission, | W. W. Amiek, | 300 00 | 247 00 | 53 00 | 5 00 | 4 80 | 20 | | | | | |
| Caldwell, | L. M. Nolen, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yadkin College, | S. Simpson, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waughtown, | W. G. Hamilton. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jersey, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burke, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, | | $7526 50 | $7665 60 | $638 20 | $715 00 | $667 87 | $72 36 | $181 09 | $132 25 | $160 16 | $143 31 | $293 25 |

W. H. LEWIS, Conference Steward.

## OBITUARY OF REV. J. M. WOOD.

Rev. Jas. M. Wood was born in Campbell county, Va., on the 13th day of October 1825. We are unable to furnish any particulars of his life prior to 1847, when he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at Lynchburg, Va., to preach the gospel. In 1848 he was employed by the President of the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, and sent to the Goodhope circuit. Here he served the people, in and out of the church, with great acceptability until the sitting of the Conference which sent him the next year, 1849, to the Lee and Scott circuit. During his ministry on this work the church was greatly strengthened, and put on the way to success. This Conference divided the circuit and formed what was afterwards denominated the Jonesville and Rye Cove circuits. In 1850 he was returned to that part of the original circuit called Rye Cove. At the close of this year he was ordained to the office of Deacon, and sent to the Greensville circuit in 1851. Here he served the church for two years with great success, the fruits of which are still to be seen. In 1853 his relation to the church was of a local nature, yet he was of good service to the general interests of the work. In 1854 he was made an assistant to the Rev. J. M. Hawes on the Greensville circuit. In 1855 he was without work again. In 1856 he was sent to the Sussex circuit, where he succeeded in giving new life to the general interest of the church. In 1857 he was sent to the Greensville circuit again, with Rev. John G. Whitfield as his assistant. In 1858 he was left in the hand of the President by his own request. From this time he never entered the itinerant work again until 1880, when he was employed on the Halifax circuit as an associate pastor, he having joined the N. C. Conference the year previous. He was in the active work with some "hope of success." But even during the short time of his work on this circuit his health became shattered, and under the stern pressure of physical inability he rendered all the necessary aid on that work he was competent of performing until the sitting of the Annual Conference when he asked to be left without regular work, which request was granted. Soon, however, after the opening of the Conference year his general health became apparently better, and he asked through the Quarterly Conference on the Greensville circuit to be

made an assistant thereto, which was granted. Immediately after, he had an interview with the pastor in charge, informing him what amount of labor he was ready and willing to perform. His work was arranged, and he at once entered upon it with that zeal and indefatigable energy that originally characterized him as a Minister of God. Often did he say to the writer, "The future of our circuit is more hopeful than it has been for thirty years." This was a source of comfort to him. Thus, we may say, closed the scenes and labors of one whose place can never be filled, in many respects, on the Greensville circuit. In delineating the character of Brother Wood we are free to say that nature had done a great deal for him. In his various relations to this life he was exceedingly agreeable to all with whom he came in contact. He was, in the true sense of the term, conservative in his views in church and State questions. His manners and bearing were courtly and dignified. In the bosom of his sweet, quiet home, where he had resided for nearly thirty years the pure atmosphere of conjugal and filial love was felt by all and enjoyed in the most delightful companionship. Here we received a most cordial and abundant hospitality. He was very decided in his personal convictions of right, yet exceeding careful for the feelings of those around him, especially his brethren in Christ. He was slow to express himself, and when he did it was the result of a prayerful consideration of all matters brought to his attention. His deep, consuming fondness for his family and their wants, manifested itself in his general life. He was a fond, tender and gentle husband and father. No one could be thrown in his home life and fail to see the genuineness and fervor of his devotion. He was, in the truest sense of the word, a peace-maker, ever willing and ready to adjust existing difficulties between others, and especially in the church ; and while he was careful never to compromise principle or religion, he was the most successful man in this of any man I ever knew. He ever enjoyed the blessedness of that promise "blessed are the peace-makers." As a preacher he was usually successful, and held in high regard by those who knew him best. His views of the leading doctrines of salvation were clear and deep and instructive, and used to the advancement of his Master's religion. He was in Petersburg a few days before his death, and had been in a good flow of spirits for several days and more than usually so on the day of his death. That Sabbath, the

morning broke over the quiet home of loving ones in old Greensville to find one less at its close. His wife had just left the house to walk with a friend. She returns in haste to see the face that was but a few moments before in apparent health, cold in death. Gentle voices called him, but he heard not; that voice that had so often moved his feelings called, but no answer; loving arms embraced him, but he responded not. At once he ceased to breathe—he was dead—no, not dead, he sleepeth—sleepeth undisturbed in Jesus who shall awake him to a glorious resurrection in the last day.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ!
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's Joy."

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The Fifty-seventh session of the Annual Conference of the North Carolina District met November 30th, 1882, at 12, M., and was opened with religious exercises by the President, J. R. Ball.

On motion of Geo. E. Hunt, J. L. Michaux was made Secretary, and, on further motion, T. J. Ogburn was made Assistant Secretary. The bar of the Conference was located. The rules of order heretofore in use were adopted. On motion Bros. Kennett, Hunt and Hicks were appointed a committee on credentials of delegates.

On motion conference adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled at two o'clock, P. M. President in the chair. On motion of T. J. Ogburn the following is the order for meeting and adjournment: Meet at 9 A. M.; adjourn at 11 A. M.; meet at 1 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure. The Conferences Sermon, by D. A. Highfill, to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to be followed by the Lord's Supper under the direction of D. Wills.

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*LAY DELEGATES.*

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| Albemarle Circuit—S. S. Norman* | | Haw River " | J. F. Dixon, |
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| Roanoke " | Walter Beavans, | Forsyth " | Dr. P. A. Cox, |
| Greensville " | John A. Moore, | Winston Mission—J. H. Pegram, | |
| Littleton " | A. E. Carter, | Surry " | W. N. Brown, |
| Halifax " | Thos. M. Draper, | Henderson St'n—Dr. F. S. Harris | |
| Granville " | B. W. Hicks, | Stanley Circuit.—John Snotherly, | |
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| Orange " | Jno. F. Thompson | Mecklenburg " | B. G. Fesperman, |
| Alamance " | W. C. Hornaday, | Caldwell Mission—A. T. Lyda,* | |
| Randolph " | J. P. M. Pickett, | Rowan " | J. L. Bradley, |
| Asheboro " | S. N. Allen, | Mocksville Ct.—W. J. Ellis, | |
| Cedar Falls " | W. W. Redding, | Cleaveland " | W. J. Morrison, |
| Greensboro " | W. F. Bowman, | Catawba " | J. M. Williamson* |
| Davidson " | J. G. Surratt. | Buncombe " | W. T. Hemphill. |
| Guilford " | L. T. Stack, | | |

*Absent

A communication for the Conference, from Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, sent up in the care of Dr. Wills, was, on motion of the latter, referred, without reading, to the Publishing Committee of the CENTRAL PROTESTANT.

A motion being made to adopt section third of the report of the committee of last Conference on Missions, on further motion by R. H. Wills, it was so amended as to exempt from its operation all moneys donated with expressed directions to the contrary.

Dr. Wills offered the following resolution as to Church Registers, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, that all Circuit Class Books, and all Church Registers kept by Class Leaders, when full shall be deposited with the several Quarterly Conferences to be kept by the Recording Secretary of each with the records of his Quarterly Conference.

T. J. Ogburn offered another, to the effect that Pastors be required to bring their Circuit Class Books to Conference to be examined by committee. Adopted.

The President read the following list of committees:

*Itinerancy and Orders.*—R. H. Wills, S. Simpson, T. J. Ogburn, A. W. Lineberry, T. F. McCulloch, J. L. Michaux, W. J. Ellis, J. M. Cutchin, Walter Beavans.

*Boundaries.*—R. R. Hanner, J. H. Totten, G. W. Bowman, Geo. E. Hunt, J. M. Cutchin.

*Colleges*—J. L. Michaux, T. T. Ferree, F. M. Totten.

*Ministerial Education.*—T. J. Ogburn, T. F. McCulloch, S. W. Coe.

*Finance.*—J. P. Simpson, J. Paris, J. S. Russell.

*Temperance.*—A. W. Lineberry, R. H. Wills, W. W. Amick.

*Unfinished Business.*—W. C. Kennett, C. A. Pickens, W. C. Hammer.

*Fraternal Relations.*—W. H. Wills, G. E. Hunt, W. H. Lewis.

*Literature.*—S. Simpson, J. H. Gilbreath, H. Lewallen, J. F. Dixon, B. W. Hicks.

*Missions.*—C. A. Pickens, C. F. Harris, J. W. Heath, J. F. Thompson, Wm. C. Horneday,

*Publication of Minutes.*—D. A. Highfill.

*Obituaries:*—John Paris, E. A. Wilson, J. L. Michaux.

*Pulpit Services.*—T. T. Ferree, C. A. Pickens, I. I. York.

The President read his report, which, on motion of T. J. Ogburn, was referred to appropriate committees. On motion the President's character passed. His report is as follows:

EXECUTIVE REPORT, 1882.

*Dear Brethren:* Through the gracious providence of a kind Heavenly Father, the great Head of the Church, we are again assembled in an Annual Conference for the purpose, I trust, of transacting the business of the Church, to the glory of God in her development and the salvation of souls—glorious work this, and high; and yet God makes this requisition of us as co-workers with himself in the great work of the evangelization of the world. Important issue. How is it to be met? Alone in the spirit of meekness, brotherly love and consecration—without which all will be vain and worthless. Oh for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to fit each and all of us for

the important trust committed to our care, and for a proper execution of God's will in all things pertaining to our Zion.

Perhaps one of the leading items of business here is to ascertain what has been done by each one in his respective work during the year now closing. I will say, with your indulgence, that I have addressed myself to the arduous labors, many duties and responsibilities incumbent on the executive of this very large district with all the energy and tact at my command. Yet, doubtless, I have erred at many points and failed in numerous ways—this was my misfortune and not my will. I have done what I could.

Permit me to say, just here, that the most troublous part of my labors has been to supply those fields left unsupplied by the last Conference, and those vacated by the brethren who failed to carry out their solemn obligations with said Conference

1st. Cleaveland Circuit was supplied by Bro. Hammer, who several weeks after the rise of said Conference, tendered me his resignation and asked for a release, which I did not deem proper to grant—however, after much worry I employed Bro. Hartsell, who has rendered excellent service.

2nd. Catawba Circuit. To this work you assigned H. C. Fulton, who informed me he could not serve said work, but could serve Mocksville Circuit which was left unsupplied by the Conference. I transferred him to Mocksville, and supplied the Catawba. After an unavoidable delay of two months or more, which was quite ruinous to our interest as a Church here, I supplied it with W. L. Hornaday whose labors were quite acceptable, but short. He was represented to me as an attractive and successful worker, but the Lord took him. I then procured the services of C. L. Wilson, who reluctantly agreed to do the best he could for the Circuit, under these embarrassing circumstances and at that late day in the Conference year. I was pleased with Bro. Wilson's success, when on that work in August. Hope the Lord has abundantly blessed preacher and people.

3rd. Monroe Circuit was put under the pastoral care of W. P. Martin, who after some weeks tendered his resignation and asked for a release, which I did not grant—however, I employed O. Ryder to take charge of that work. I hope Bro. Ryder has done well.

4th. Albemarle Circuit. This Circuit was supplied by Conference with J. H. Cox, who tendered his resignation. I did not think that I had any jurisdiction in the matter, as he was not under the stationing authority. This work being so remote, I found quite difficult to supply, but in my extremity Bro. Paris came to my relief like a veteran soldier, for such he is, and accepted the pastoral charge in addition to the LaGrange Mission, with C. R. Blades, whom I employed as associate.

5th. Haw River Circuit. This work was supplied with two pastors, T. J. Ogburn and J. W. Heath. The Circuit decided they could support but one, therefore I released Bro. Heath.

My travels have been quite extensive—have visited all the Circuits in the District except two, Mecklenburg and Monroe, which were the last two in my plan for the year. I was deprived the privilege of visiting these by severe illness of my wife.

Touching the work at large—the impressions made on my judgment, in my travels through the District are, that the church generally is in a healthy and thriving condition; however, there are a

few fields and only a few, that are exceptions, where the interests seem to be waneing, as will appear, I suppse, from the reports of the brethren from their respective work.

I wish here to submit a few suggestions, viz :

1st. That Rowan Mission be attached to McDowell Circuit.

2nd. That Saplin Ridge and Center be attached to Alamance.

3rd. That Yadkin College Mission be attached to Winston Circuit.

4th. That Waughtown, Dan River and Jersey Mission be stricken from the list.

5th. That the compromise made with Bro. Gilbreath 1880 has been violated by publishing a pamphlet, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. BALL,
*President N. C. District.*

The committee on Credentials made a partial report, which was adopted.

Rev. M. E. Hammer, from Deep River Conference, presented a certificate, which was referred to the committee on Itinerancy and Orders. A paper from High Point Circuit, Deep River Conference, requesting to be connected with this conference, was referred to the following committee: W. H. Wills, A. W. Lineberry, W. W. Amick.

On motion conference adjourned, with the benedidtion.

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Conference met. Religious exercises by J. C. Deans. President in the chair. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted. Motion made and carried to extend the bar of conference.

C. A. Pickens presented a paper on Ministerial Education and Yadkin College, which was laid on the table for future consideration.

On motion of J. H. Gilbreath W. C. Kennett was appointed to receive moneys contributed for the use of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and J. H. Totten to receive moneys paid for North Carolina Missionary Society, and to report to conference.

On motion J. W. Heath was appointed to receive moneys raised for Colleges and Ministerial Education; and on further motion F. M. Totten was appointed Conference Steward. The election of President was made the first business in order for to-morrow afternoon.

On a motion by T. J. Ogburn that the place be fixed for the next Annual Conference, several places were named: Fair Grove, Haw River Circuit; Matthew's Station; Henderson; Mount Pleasant, Greensboro Circuit, and Enfield. Laid on the table.

Dr. Wills made his report from the committee on the application of High Point Circuit to be received into this Conference, recommending that the application be grantd, which was adopted. On motion the delegate from High Point Circuit, Bro. Hohn, was also received and enrolled.

Bro. Lewallen moved that the Stationing Committee be composed of one delegate from each Circuit and Station, with the President added. Bro. Hunt moved to amend by making the Committee to consist of two ministers and two laymen, with the President added. The amendment was discussed until the hour of adjournment.

Conference Sermon by D. A. Highfill at 11 o'clock.

## Afternoon Session.

Conference met. President in the chair. Discussion of Bro. Hunt's resolution resumed. R. H. Wills moved an amendment to the amendment, that the Conference resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to station the preachers—motion lost. The amendment was further discussed, and lost, and the original motion adopted.

The names of additional delegates were reported. It was moved that that part of the President's report which referred to Bro. Gilbreath's pamphlet should be referred

to a committee of three, but the amendment obtained that the reference should be to five of the oldest ministers of the Conference, and that all other complaints coming to Conference be referred to same committee. The committee was constituted of Drs. Wills, Paris, C. F. Harris, Dr. Lineberry and R. R. Michaux.

On motion, G. E. Hunt and E. A. Wilson were appointed a committee to decide on what parts of the President's report should be referred, and to what committees.

T. J. Ogburn read his report on Ministerial Education, which was laid on the table.

W. H. Lewis presented a paper from the First Sub-District Meeting, which was read, and on motion referred to a committee. The President appointed W. C. Hammer as that committee.

The examination of ministerial character being called for and sustained, the names of the following pastors were called, their reports read and their characters approved, viz.: E. A. Wilson, J. S. Russell, D. A. Highfill, W. H. Wills.

Rev. C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, was introduced to Conference by Bro. Ferree, and after making some remarks, to-morrow 2 o'clock was set as the time for him to address the Conference on the interests which he represents.

Leave of absence was granted D. A. Highfill for the remainder of the session on account of severe indisposition. Conference also relieved him from the responsibilities of Publishing Committee.

Adjourned with the benediction.

## THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Conference opened with religious exercises by Geo. E. Hunt.

On motion of Dr. C. F. Harris, the hour of 11 o'clock, next Monday, was set apart for a meeting of the North Carolina Missionary Society.

The examination of Ministerial character was resumed, and the following were called and passed: Jas. E. Hartsell, Geo. W. Bowman, T. F. McCulloch, Geo. E. Hunt. C. C. Daniel, of Greensville circuit, was invited to a seat within the bar. Examination of Ministerial character proceeded, and the following were called and approved; J. P. Simpson, D. A. Fishel, T. J. Ogburn, W. H. Lewis, O. Ryder, W. .C Kennett, W. W. Amick, R. H. Wills.

Complaints as to Goshen Chapel, North Granville circuit, referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Adjourned for preaching by W. C. Kennett.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The business set for this hour was the election of President. W. H. Lewis and W. C. Kennett were appointed tellers. On the first ballot 62 votes were cast, as follows: R. H. Wills, 20; T. J. Ogburn, 6; J. M. Waynick, 1: C. A. Pickens, 2; G. E. Hunt, 2; W. W. Amick, 5; A. W. Lineberry, 2; John Paris, 11; T. T. Ferree, 3; F. M. Totten, 1; A. C. Harris, 1; C. F. Harris, 7; J. R. Ball, 1; --no election.

The second ballot was as follows; 65 votes cast: R H. Wills, 44; T. J. Ogburn, 6; C. F. Harris, 5; A. C. Harris, 1: Blank, 1; C. A. Pickens, 2; John Paris, 1; W. W. Amick, 2; T. T. Ferree, 3. R. H. Wills having re-

ceived a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Rev. J. R. Ball, after some appropriate and feeling remarks, conducted the newly elected President to the chair. After brief remarks expressive of doubt as to his acceptance of the office to which he had been elected, the President elect requested Bro. Ball to lead the Conference in prayer, which was done. Then, by request of the President elect, Bro. Ball retained the chair.

The examination of ministerial character being resumed, the name of H. C. Fulton was called. His character passed with an admonition from the President for dereliction of official duty as pastor of Mocksville circuit.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, Rev. C. H. Williams, Secretary of the Board of Missions, addressed the Conference on our Publishing Interests, our Institutions of Learning and our Missionary Operations in Japan.

On motion, Monday, 10 o'clock, was set apart to hear the report of Publishing Committee of CENTRAL PROTESTANT, and 2 o'clock to consider the interests of Yadkin College.

Examination of ministerial character was resumed, and the following names were called and passed: John H. Totten, F. M. Totten, C. L. Wilson, C. A. Pickens, L. M. Nolen, A. W. Lineberry, S. W. Coe. T. F. McCulloch was appointed the Committee on Statistics.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

## FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Conference assembled at the usual hour, and was opened with religious exercises by W. W. Amick. Rev. J. R. Ball in the chair. Subsequently Dr. Paris was called to the chair by the President. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Dr. Lineberry read his report on Temperance, which was adopted.

### TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom the subject of *Temperance* was referred, have had the same under consideration, but we have no new light on the subject, and have no new means to recommend to your body, by which to stay the growing evils of intemperance in our land. We are aware that this great subject has been presented to your body by various committees, in its various lights, for a number of conferences; so that we can only recommend those means which have already been recommended.

The evil effects upon the church, upon society generally, and upon the well-being of our nation, growing out of making, selling, and use of intoxicating drinks, are truly alarming! We would, therefore, recommend to your body, the importance of impressing the need of the pulpit, and church generally with the importance of aiding temperance workers, by all lawful and righteous means in their efforts to stay the work of intemperance. To this end, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That each minister be required to present the claims of temperance to each of his congregations, at least once during the year.

A. W. LINEBERRY, Ch'm'n.

A note was read from Dr. A. C. Harris, who had been called home Sunday night by the announcement of his brother's death.

W. C. Hammer read the report of his committee on the papers sent up from the First Sub-District Meeting, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The order of the day having arrived, R. H. Wills presented the report of the committee on the CENTRAL PROTESTANT, which, after some discussion, was adopted.

## REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL PROTESTANT.

Your Committee of Publication of the CENTRAL PROTESTANT submit the following :

The finances of THE CENTRAL PROTESTANT, the Annual Conference, as such, has nothing to do with, inasmuch as it has never, as such, contributed a dollar towards the purchase of its property, and is not responsible for a dollar of any indebtedness that might possibly arise. The clause in the minutes of last Conference, declaring THE CENTRAL PROTESTANT the property of the Conference, refers to the immaterial aspect of the case. That is, as a church paper and Conference organ, the Conference manages it, elects its editor and holds him responsible for his official conduct as it holds any other one of its ministers responsible, and which it has the right to do so long as he is a member thereof. And as the Conference owns the paper in this moral and official sense, so it, in turn, is morally bound to render it such support as arises from proper efforts to extend its patronage and influence.

There has been some embarrassment in the publication of the paper, arising mainly from the tardiness of many of its subscribers in paying their dues. We urge upon all its agents the propriety and necessity of doing all they can to procure subscribers. The editor, Rev. J. L. Michaux, has made many sacrifices to continue the publication of THE CENTRAL PROTESTANT, and deserves well of the Conference.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

A letter from W. P. Martin was referred to the Stationing Committee, also one from J. P. Simpson.

W. C. Kennett read his report on credentials, which was adopted.

The official character of H. Lewallen was called.

At 11 o'clock the order of the day—the meeting of the North Carolina Missionary Society—was announced. Opened with reading, prayer and singing, under the direction of T. J. Ogburn, which was followed by a short address from R. H. Wills.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened. President in the chair.

Character of H. Lewallen passed.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and laid on the table.

Dr. Wills presented the report of the committee of Five on the case of J. H. Gilbreath. On the motion to

adopt the report, remarks were made at length by Bros. Gilbreath, Paris and others.

The order of the day being the consideration of the interests of Yadkin College, it was waived for the further consideration of the report of the committee of Five. Report laid over until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, to give place for the interests of Yadkin College.

Dr. Paris in the Chair. W. J. Ellis made a verbal report on Yadkin College matters. On motion, J. R. Ball was appointed to assess the various fields of labor to meet the financial demands of the College. Report adopted as follows :

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| La Grange Misssion, | $ 30.00 | Orange Circuit, | 90.00 |
| Tar River Circuit, | 60.00 | Davidson " | 105.00 |
| Roanoke " | 120.00 | Stanley " | 50.00 |
| Halifax " | 120 00 | Asheboro " | 75.00 |
| Littleton " | 30.00 | Cleaveland " | 45.00 |
| Greensbro " | 135 00 | Buncombe " | 90.00 |
| Granville " | 150.00 | Winston " | 300.00 |
| N. Granville " | 60.00 | Mocksville " | 100.00 |
| Henderson Station, | 30.00 | Forsyth " | 60.00 |
| Greensville Circuit, | 75.00 | Surry Mission, | 30.00 |
| Albemarle " | 40.00 | Haw River Circuit, | 135 00 |
| Cedar Falls " | 60.00 | Mecklenburg " | 75,00 |
| Guilford " | 50.00 | Monroe " | 30.00 |
| Randolph " | 90.00 | Rowan Mission | 15.00 |
| Alamance " | 120.00 | Winston " | 15 00 |

It was moved and carrid that none of the money collected shall be paid over to parties holding claims against the College until the whole sum be secured, the treasurer to hold the money in trust to be returned to parties contributing it, in the event that the sum collected be not enough to lift the mortgage on the building. J. R. Ball was, on motion, elected treasurer, of the aforesaid fund.

On motion, Bro. J. A. Jones, was authorized to sit with the Stationing Committee to represent the lower division of Haw River Circuit.

W. H. Lewis asked and obtained leave of absence from to-day.

Adjourned with the benediction.

# FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

## Fifth Day—Tuesday Morning.

Conference met. Religious exercises by W. C. Hammer. Pesident in the chair. Minutes read and adopted. W. C. Kennett reported moneys received for Board of Missions.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS ON THE FIELD.

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|---|---|---|
| Albemarle Circuit, | John Paris, | $1 50 |
| Tar River " | E. A. Wilson, | 6 24 |
| Roanoke " | W. H. Wills, | 16 75 |
| LaGrange Mission, | John Paris, | 1 50 |
| Halifax Circuit, | G. E. Hunt, | 5 25 |
| Greensville " | J. S. Russell, | 4 00 |
| Littleton " | W. H. Lewis, | 3 44 |
| Granville " | T. F. McCulloch, | 38 00 |
| N. Granville " | D. A. Fishel, | 7 62 |
| Henderson Station, | | 3 40 |
| Orange Circuit, | W. W. Amick, | 12 92 |
| Alamance " | C. F. Haris, | 4 00 |
| Haw River " | T. J. Ogburn, | 98 81 |
| ($65 of this sum heretofore paid to the Board through Rev. C. H. Williams.) | | |
| Greensboro Circuit, | R. H. Wills, | 66 00 |
| Randolph " | D. A. Highfill, | 10 16 |
| Guilford " | I. I. York, | 6 20 |
| Winston " | T. T. Ferree, | 19 45 |
| Forsyth " | R. R. Hanner, | 11 31 |
| Asheboro " | W. C. Kennett, | 10 00 |
| Cedar Falls " | J. H. Gilbreath, | 8 30 |
| Davidson " | A. W. Lineberry, | 4 50 |
| Stanley " | H. Lewallen, | 3 00 |
| Monroe " | O. Ryder, | 2 25 |
| Mecklenburg " | C. A. Pickens, | 6 50 |
| Cleaveland " | J. E. Hartsell, | 7 25 |
| Buncombe " | S. W. Coe, | 24 00 |
| Surry Mission, | J. H. Totten, | 14 00 |
| Rowan " | G. W. Bowman, | 1 50 |
| Winston " | F. M. Totten, | 10 00 |
| Caldwell " | L. M. Nolen, | 1 00 |
| J. H. Cox, | | 5 00 |
| J. M. L. Hammer, 5 years old, collected by himself, | | 1 75 |
| Mrs. R. H. Wills, | | 10 00 |
| | | $525 60 |

J. L. Michaux presented the report of committe on the propriety of changing the name of the North Caro-

lina Missionary Society to that of Church Extension Board. Adopted.

The Committee appointed by the Annual Conference of 1881 to examine into the matter of changing the name of the Missionary Society of the Conference to that of the Board of Church Extension, having given the subject some attention, beg leave to report :

Two difficulties present themselves.

1. To change *the name* of the Missionary Society, as suggested, without changing, essentially, its constitution and modes of operation, would not meet the requirement of the Dicipline as to Church Extension.

2. To discontinue our present long-existing Missionary Society, which would virtually be the case by changing its constitution and adopting a new name, would, we fear, seriously lessen the income heretofore realized by our time-honored institution.

Nor are we oblivious of two facts which probably suggested a motion for change : One is, that the Discipline is imperative in the requirement that each Annual Conference shall have its Church Extension Society ; the other is, that, with the Board of Missions, which embraces both the Home and Foreign field, and our own Conference Missionary Board for State work, it is difficult in many cases to preserve the proper distinction in the minds of those who would contribute to the cause of Missions. But we submit that the greater material loss would be probable from the discontinuance of our North Carolina Conference Missionary Society, as compared with that likely to accrue from lack of a Church Extension Board, and therefore recommend the following : 1. That the Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference be continued in its present form, and that in taking Missionary collections the distinctions of "State Missions," and "General Missions," be observed, to avoid confusion. On all proper occasions the names and the scope of the two Boards should be clearly set forth. It will be easy enough to say that the Board of Missions has special reference to the Foreign Field, but also embraces contingent needs within the bounds of the United States, and that this Board is an institution of the General Conference ; also that State Missions are represented and provided for by the Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference.

But this brings us up to the point of a legal difficulty, in that the General Conference *requires* that each Annual Conference shall have its Board of Church Extension. This Conference is, and ought to be law abiding, yet that it may not appear to be otherwise, we recommend as follows :

That, in view of the facts set forth in this report, we hereby appeal to the General Conference of 1884, praying such a modification of the existing law concerning Church Extension Boards as will permit the continuance of our Conference Missionary Society, now in its Thirty-Seventh year, as a lawful substitute for said Church Extension Board.

J. L. MICHAUX,
G. E. HUNT.

The same presented also the obituary of Rev. J. L. Swain, which was adopted.

C. A. Picken's report on Missions was adopted.

The subject of Missions is one of vital importance to the consummation of Christ's mission into the world, viz: the conversion of the world.

Methodism is missionary; John and Charles Wesley's work in the suburbs of London was missionary, and received the title by way of derision—"Methodist." Hence to be Methodists we must be missionary. But for the Missionary spirit our lovely, intelligent and highly honored America to-day would be in heathenish darkness, and our sunny Carolina would be a scene over which angels might weep. Robert Williams, being led by the missionary spirit as early as 1775, introduced Methodism into North Carolina. We to-day are the fruit of the Missionary spirit. To discard it would be to discard Methodism except in name. To treat it lightly would be vexing our mother.

1st. We commend to this body and the church she represents, the weak and waste places of our own Carolina, and that greater effort should be made to open up and build up our beloved Zion.

2nd. We recommend a continued co-operation with the General Board of Home and Foreign Missions, believing that the efforts in the South and West and in Japan are praise-worthy.

3rd. We recommend that 10 cents per member be raised on our respective fields of labor, one-half to be paid to the Missionary board of the North Carolina Conference, the other half to be forwarded to the Board of Home and Foreign Missions. Provided the donors have a right to say where and how their money shall be disposed of.

C. A. PICKENS.
C. F. HARRIS,
J. W. HEATH.

W. H. Wills announced that the committee on Fraternal Relations had nothing to report.

J. W. Heath reported moneys received for Colleges and Ministerial Education.

Your Committee appointed to receive moneys collected for Colleges and Ministerial Education, beg leave to report as follows:

| *Circuits.* | *Pastors.* | *Colleges.* | *Min. Ed.* |
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| Randolph, | D. A. Highfill, | | $ 2 35 |
| Tar River, | E. A. Wilson, | | 6 25 |
| Halifax, | G. E. Hunt, | $1 50 | 5 25 |
| Littleton, | W. H. Lewis, | | 3 44 |
| Granville, | T. F. McCulloch, | | 8 00 |
| Haw River, | T. J. Ogburn, | | 40 25 |
| Stanley, | H. Lewallen, | | 1 80 |
| Buncombe, | S. W. Coe, | 8 00 | 8 00 |
| Henderson Station, | J. P. Simpson, | 3 40 | 3 40 |
| Greensboro, | R. H. Wills, | 5 44 | 16 45 |
| North Granville, | D. A. Fishel | | 3 82 |
| | | $ 18 34 | $ 99 21 |

J. W. HEATH.

Report of committee of Five on complaints against J. H. Gilbreath. G. E. Hunt desired to offer a substitute. J. C. Deans, H. Lewallen and Dr. Wills made remarks. Leave of absence was obtained for P. A. Cox and H. C. Fulton.

Bro. Gilbreath rejected the paper of Dr. Wills. Bro. Hunt offered a substitute, which was withdrawn ; then on reconsideration, Bro. Gilbreath agreed to sign the conditions of Dr. Wills, and the motion was put, the vote being by yea and nay. The paper is as follows :

The Committee to which was referred item 5 of the President's report which reads :

"That the compromise made with Bro. Gilbreath, 1880, has been violated by publishing a pamphlet," Submit the following : Two points are to be considered,

1st. Has Bro. Gilbreath broken any compact, either expressed or understood, entered into at the Conference of 1880 ?

2nd. Does he in the pamphlet bearing his name "On Baptism" teach doctrines in conflict with those as understood and taught by the Methodist Protestant Church ?

These two questions we answer affirmatively, in that he has violated that compact as entered into at the Conference of 1880, and recorded in the Journal on page 536.

Further, that the doctrines taught in the pamphlet referred to, and to-day re-affirmed by the author before the Committee, are so antagonistic to those held by the M. P. Church as to forbid the toleration of any Minister in this Conference who holds, and in any manner disseminates, those doctrines.

We therefore, recommend that the subject be referred to the proper authorities for judicial investigation.

W. H. WILLS, Ch'm'n,
JOHN PARIS,
A. W. LINEBERRY,
R. R. MICHAUX.

On motion of the chairman of the committee on Bro. Gilbreath's case, so much of the report of that committee as recommends the reference of his case to the authorities for judicial investigation be so modified as to accept the following agreement of Bro. Gilbreath, and to continue him as a member of the Conference :

"The undersigned readily concedes Water Baptism to be an ordinance of the church, as set forth in Article 18 of the Methodist Protestant Discipline, and required by nearly all Christian denominations,

among them the Methodist Protestant Church; and while as a matter of opinion he does not think it essential for the perpetuation and prosperity of the church, yet deferring to the established usage and provisions of our Constitution and Discipline, he does hereby promise and agree so long as he may continue to be a Minister of the MethodistProtestant Church, that he will cheerfully conform to the rules of the Church by administering Water Baptism in all cases where there may be candidates for the same.

J. H. GILBREATH.

Dec. 5, 1882.

The vote was taken by Ayes and Noes, and resulted as follows :

AYES.—*Ministers.*—W. H. Wills, John Paris, J. L. Michaux, A. W. Lineberry, R. H. Wills, J. W. Heath, W. C. Kennett, H, Lewallen, J. C. Dean, R. W. Pegram, G. W. Bowman, W. W. Amick, L. M. Nolen, Geo. E. Hunt, F. M. Totten, J. H. Totten, T. F. McCulloch, J. S. Russell, D. A. Fishell, I. I. York.—20.

*Laymen.*—W. J. Morrison, H. D. Garman, J. L. Bradly, W. J. Ellis, John Snotherly, J. G. Surratt, J. S. Delap, J. H. Pegram, W. W. Redding, S. N. Allen, B. W. Hicks, T. M. Draper, J. M. Cutchin, John A. Moore, A. Hohn.—19—20=39.

NOES —*Ministers.*—J. R. Ball, R. R. Michaux, A. J. Laughlin, H. W. Peeples, C. A. Pickens, T. T. Ferree, T. J. Ogburn, W. C. Hammer, S. Simpson, J. E. Hartsell, E. A. Wilson. R. R. Hanner.—12.

*Laymen.*—W. T. Hemphill, B. G. Fesperman, J. F. Dixon, W. F. Bowman, J. F. Thompson, W. D. Kimball, F. S. Harris, A. E. Carter, D. H. Smith, Walter Beavans.—10—12=22.

By the above vote the conditions aforesaid were adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled. Dr. Wills in the chair. T. J. Ogburn presented the report of the committee on Itinerancy and Orders, which is as follows, and was adopted:

The Committee on Itinerancy and orders would report :

1st. We have had before us A. C. Spilman, recommended for Itinerancy,who impre sed us favorably—and while we cannot recommend him to the stationing authority because of his inability at present to leave his family, we yet heartily commend him to the President to be employed by him if practicable.

2nd. Rev. M. E. Hammer, from the Deep River Conference, M. P. Church, came before us with a certificate in view of reception into this Conference. We recommend his reception, with the express understanding that he place himself under the direction of the Committee of Instruction in view of a continuation of his studies.

3rd. W. A. Crews recommended for Orders declined examination

but we recommend that he be placed under the Committee of Instruction for regular examination hereafter, and also recommend him to the employ of the President.

4th. Bro. John Garrett, an ordained minister, was recommended for Itinerancy. We recommend him.

J. R. BALL, Chm'n.
A. W. LINEBERRY,
T. F. McCULLOCH,
T. J. OGBURN,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. M. CUTCHIN.

The following members obtained leave of absence: J. M. Cutchin, I. I. York, Dr. F. S. Harris.

The report of the committee on Boundaries was read and in part adopted. In relation to the item as to Tar River circuit, and Spring Church, Greensville circuit, certain papers from Spring Church were presented, and these were referred to a committee consisting of John Paris, J. R. Ball and W. C. Hammer. Pending the consideration of first item, J. Paris, G. E. Hunt and W. C. Hammer were named as a special committee for the investigation of all matters touching the relations of Spring Church to the Greensville circuit and its pastor for the past year.

J. H. Totten reported moneys received for Missions and report adopted.

The following characters were called and passed: J. H. Gilbreath, R. R. Hanner, R. W. Pegram, S. Simpson, J. W. Heath, A. J. Laughlin, W. C. Hammer, J. L. Michaux, R. R. Michaux, A. C. Harris, H. S. Proctor, J. S. Dunn, W. P. Martin, James Deans, C. F. Harris. The name of Dr. W. Hammond was stricken from the roll. Dr. Wills presented a paper in relation to J. Y. Pegram, which is as follows, and was adopted:

"James Yancey Pegram received from the President of this Conference a certificate three years since, when his name was stricken from the roll; and this Conference believes that said Pegram's name does not stand on the roll of any Quarterly Conference of the M. P. Church in this District; if so, not as a minister of our church in North Carolina. This Conference makes this statement for the information of the community at large.

W. H. WILLS."

T. F. McCulloch presented the Statistical report, which was adopted.

Bro. Kimball obtained leave of absence.

It was moved that the President be stationed, and the motion was amended—that the sum of one hundred dollars be assessed to the District at large for incidental expenses of the President. The question being carried in the affirmative, it was moved and carried that the President be stationed on Winston Circuit.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted.

On motion, S. Simpson was elected Treasurer of moneys paid in for Ministerial Education.

The Publishing Committee of the CENTRAL PROTESTANT was continued.

J. L. Michaux was elected the committee to publish minutes of this Conference, and H. Lewallen was appointed to receive all moneys for said publication.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction.

## SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Conference met at the usual hour. President in the chair. Religious exercises by C. A. Pickens. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. Dr. Paris made his report from the committee on matters concerning Spring Church, Greensville Circuit, as follows:

"The committee of three to whom one item of the report of the Boundary Committee was referred, beg leave to report that we have examined all the papers referred to us, and also have had the parties before us, and do therefore recommend that Spring Church be de-

tached from Greensville Circuit and attached to Tar River Circuit temporarily, until said Church shall signify to this Conference that a better state of harmony exists among the Churches on that field."

JOHN PARIS,
W. C. HAMMER.

The foregoing report was adopted.

C. A. Pickens presented a paper on Ministerial Education which was adopted.

WHEREAS, A resolution was offered in General Conference of 1880, in relation to Yadkin College and was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education: And

WHEREAS, The committee did report, and the Conference adopted: "That the Board of Ministerial Education be authorized and instructed to extend aid to young men seeking preparation for the ministry at Yadkin College, with the same conditions and restrictions as provided in other cases, at least to the extent of the collections raised in that part of the work for the Board of Ministerial Education." Therefore

*Resolved* 1, That this Annual Conference does construe the phrase, "In that part of the work," to embrace at least the SouthCarolina and Georgia Conferences with the North Carolina Conference.

2. That this Annual Conference respectfully ask the Board of Ministerial Education so to construe said phrase, and that the Secretary of this Conference confer with said Board on this subject.

3. That this Conference, through its Secretary, confer with the South Carolina and Georgia Conferences on this subject and report the result in each Conference to this Conference at its next session.

C. A. PICKENS,
C. F. HARRIS.

The item of the report of the committee on Boundaries in relation to Tar River circuit and Spring Church was taken up, and after consideration was adopted.

On motion, the vote by which Mount Pleasant, Winston circuit, was ceded to Guilford circuit, was reconsidered and the former action reversed, leaving Mount Pleasant as it was.

On motion to adopt the report of the Boundary Committee, as amended, H. Lewallen and W. C. Hammer offered the following resolution :

That Melton's Grove be detached from Asheboro circuit and attached to Stanley circuit : also that New Union be detached from Cedar Falls and attached to Asheboro circuit. Adopted.

J. W. Heath moved to attach Center and Sapling Ridge, now connected with Randolph circuit, to Alamance. Motion did not prevail.

The report of the Boundary Committee as a whole was adopted, and is as follows :

1. That Spring Church, Greensville circuit, be attached to Tar River circuit.

2. That Henderson Station be commended to the fostering care of the Missionary Society.

3. That Haw River circuit be divided as suggested by the Fourth Quarterly Meeting, by a line beginning at Dan River and running due South to Woollen's shop, thence South-easterly to the R. & D. Railroad, so as to leave Midway on the West; the Eastern division, embracing Altamahaw Factory, to be known as Haw River circuit; the Western division, with the addition of Piney Grove, detached from Guilford circuit, to be known as Flat Rock circuit.

4. That Poor's and Fairfield be detached from Guilford circuit, and Mount Pleasant and Mount Zion from Davidson Circuit, and attached to High Point circuit; and that Pleasant Hill be detached from High Point circuit and attached to Guilford circuit; also that Farlow's be detached from Cedar Falls circuit and attached to High Point circuit.

5. That Waughtown, Brevard and Dan River missions be stricken from the list.

R. R. HANNER,
GEO. E. HUNT,
JOHN TOTTEN,
G. W. BOWMAN,
J. M. CUTCHIN.

Dr. Wills offered a paper on the assessment for the President, which is as follows :

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| Greensville, | $5 00 | Granville, | 1 000 |
| Halifax, | 10 00 | Alamance, | 10 00 |
| Orange, | 10 00 | Davidson, | 10 00 |
| Greensboro, | 10 00 | Winston, | 10 00 |
| Haw River, | 5 00 | Flat Rock, | 5 00 |
| Mecklenburg, | 5 00 | | |
| Roanoke, | $10 00 | | $100 00 |

Motion adopted.

W. J. Ellis offered a paper touching a parcel of land formerly used for church purposes. Paper adopted, but not found among the documents in possession of the Secretary.

The subject of the place for the next Session of Con-

ference being taken up, several nominations were considered in order :

Fair Grove—lost. Matthews—lost. Mount Pleasant —lost.

Enfield was chosen as the place ; the time, Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1883, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Conference Steward made his report, which was adopted.

Dr. Paris offered the following paper :

WHEREAS, S. P. J. Harris was tried before a Committee of Ministers, according to the Discipline of the Church, and suspended from the exercise of all the functions of the ministry, from which verdict he appealed to the Annual Conference, which body refused to enter into the merits of the case, and confirmed the legality of the trial below. And

WHEREAS, The said S. P. J. Harris was, on the first Sunday in August, granted license to preach by the North Granville circuit, he being absent, consequently he was not examined nor recommended by a committee of five, according to the requirement of Discipline, page 20, section 2, nor could he, being absent, meet and answer the questions required to be answered by each candidate for license as laid down on page 63. And

WHEREAS, the sentence of suspension has never been removed in this case, therefore

*Resolved* By this Annual Conference that the action of the Quarterly Conference of North Granville circuit in this case, is illegal, disorderly, null and void.

Indefinite postponement was moved and discussed, pending which, Conference adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Wills in the chair. The question was called on the indefinite postponement of the paper of Dr. Paris, and lost. The adoption of said paper was moved, and the question sustained.

On motion, it was resolved that the funds collected for Colleges, and now in the hands of Bro. Heath, be paid over to the treasurer of that fund.

The report of the Stationing committee was read, and

on motion, it was considered by items. The report as amended and adopted is as follows :

*Post Office.*

President, R. H. Wills, Yadkin College.
1. Albemarle—E. A. Wilson, Mackey's Ferry.
2. La Grange—John Paris, La Grange.
3. Tar River—J. P. Simpson, Whitaker's
4. Roanoke—W. H. Wills, Brinkleyville.
5. Greensville—J. S. Russell, Pleasant Hill.
6. Halifax—Geo. E. Hunt, Ringwood.
7. Littleton—W. H. Lewis, Littleton.
8. Granville—T. T. Ferree, Kittrell.
9. N. Granville—D. A. Fishel, Macon Depot.
A. C. Harris, Sup., Henderson
10 Henderson—To be supplied.
11. Orange—W. W. Amick, Long's Mills.
12. Alamance—John H. Totten, Kernersville.
13. Randolph—D. A. Highfill, Troy's Store.
14. Cedar Falls—J. H. Gilbreath, Randleman.
15. Asheboro—W. C. Kennett, Tabernacle.
16. Greensboro—J. R. Ball, Greensboro.
17. Haw River—T. J. Ogburn, Brown's Summit.
18 Flat Rock—T. F. McCulloch, Greensboro.
19. Guilford—I. I. York, High Point.
J. C. Deans, Sup, High Point.
20. High Point—M. E. Hammer, Bush Hill.
21. Davidson—A. W. Lineberry, Greensboro.
22. Stanley—H. Lewallen, Asheboro.
23. Monroe—Oliver Ryder, Monroe.
24. Mecklenburg—C. A. Pickens, Yadkin College.
25. Winston—R. H. Wills, " "
26. Forsyth—R. R. Hanner, " "
27. Mocksville—S. W, Coe. Elbaville.
28. Cleaveland—J. E. Hartsell, Holly Bush.
29. Catawba—C. L. Wilson, Lincolnton.
30. Buncombe—R. R. Michaux,
with conditions.
31. Rowan Mission—J. N. Garrett, Yadkin College.
32. Anson " —R. W. Pegram, Elkin.
33. Caldwell " —L. M. Nolen, Lenoir
S. Simpson, President Yadkin College, Yadkin College.
J. L. Michaux, Editor CENTRAL PROTESTANT, Greensboro.

Left in the hands of the President, J. S. Dunn, H. S. Proctor, W. P. Martin. Recommended to the President for employment, A. C. Spillman, W. A. Crews.

Without appointment at their own request,—H. C. Fulton, W. C. Hammer, J. W. Heath, H. W. Peeples.

Transferred to Unstationed list at his own request—G. W. Bowman.

Superannuated,— Jas. Deans, A. J, Laughlin.

On motion, C. A. Pickens was placed in the relation of

nominal pastor of Monroe circuit, in view of the fact that the appointee of the Conference is unordained.

The report of the Missionary Board was read and adopted. The following is the result:

Life Memberships securedat the meeting on Saturday.

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| Miss Tucker, by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, | $ 10 00 |
| Jennie Ferree, by Rev. T. T. Ferree and others, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Laura A. Coe, by Rev. R. H. Wills and others, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Sallie W. Gooch, by Rev. W. C. Kennett and others, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Bettie Norman, by Rev. F. M, Totten and others, | 10 00 |
| Alice Cary Ogburn, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. John Snotherly, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Veturia Virginia Ferree, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Rev. T. T. Ferree, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Miss Bettie C. Thompson, by John W. Coe and others, | 10 00 |
| Miss Iona A. Simpson, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Rev. T. F. McCulloch, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Rev. H. Lewallen, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Miss Swannanoa Brower, by friends, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Hanner, by friends, | 10 00 |
| | $ 150 00 |
| Annual membership, L. M. Nolen, | 50 |
| " " L. E. York, | 50 |
| Total, | $151 00 |

T. J. OGBURN, Chm'n.

J. H. GILBREATH, Sec'y.

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| Contributions from the fields of labor during the present year, as reported, | $ 336 86 |
| Amount secured as above, | 151 00 |
| | $ 487 86 |

The Standing District Committee is constituted as follows: A. W. Lineberry, W. H. Wills, J. L. Giles. W. A. Coe, O. R. Cox, John C. Roberts.

On motion, R. H. Wills was elected Recording Secretary. A resolution of thanks to the community in which the Conference was held for hospitable entertainment of its members was passed by a rising vote.

On motion, J. H. Totten was authorized to pay out money to missionary claimants.

The Conference ordered that the President should appoint the chairmen of the various Sub-districts.

A committee was ordered to act in connection with the trustees of Shiloh Academy for the employment of a principal, etc. The pastor of Winston circuit to be chairman of a committee of three, the remaining two to be appointed by himself.

On motion, Conference adjourned, *sine die*—with the benediction.

R. H. WILLS, Pres't.

J. L. MICHAUX, Sec'y.

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RECEIVED FOR N. C. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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| Haw River Circuit | T. J. Ogburn, | $ 54 54 |
| Greensboro " | R. H. Wills, | 55 24 |
| Granville " | T. F. McCulloch, | 26 00 |
| Cedar Falls " | J. H. Gilbreath, | 23 60 |
| Buncombe " | S. W. Coe, | 20 00 |
| Forsyth " | R. R. Hanner, | 18 09 |
| Asheboro " | W. C. Kennett, | 17 67 |
| Orange " | W. W. Amick, | 12 92 |
| Roanoke " | W. H. Wills, | 16 75 |
| Halifax " | Geo. E. Hunt, | 11 50 |
| Randolph, " | D. A. Highfill, | 10 16 |
| Alamance " | C. F. Harris (not paid over) | 6 67 |
| Tar River " | E. A. Wilson, | 6 25 |
| Guilford " | I. I. York, | 5 60 |
| Mecklenburg " | C. A. Pickens, | 5 50 |
| Davidson " | A. W. Lineberry, | 4 55 |
| Greensville " | J. S. Russell, | 4 21 |
| Winston Station, | F. M. Totten, | 4 00 |
| Littleton Circuit | W. H. Lewis, | 3 44 |
| Henderson Station, | J. P. Simpson, | 3 40 |
| Stanley Circuit, | H. Lewallen, | 3 58 |
| N. Granville " | D. A. Fishel, | 3 81 |
| Monroe " | Oliver Ryder, | 1 90 |
| Rowan Mission, | G. W. Bowman, | 1 50 |
| Albemarle and La Grange, | John Paris, | 1 50 |
| Winston Circuit, | T. T. Ferree, | 10 86 |
| Cleaveland " | J. E. Hartsell, | 3 62 |
| | | $336 86 |

JOHN H. TOTTEN, Com.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education would report by offering the following resolutions :

*Resolved* 1st. That this Annual Conference is in full accord with the Board of Ministerial Education in their designs to educate poor young men studying for the ministry, and that we will renew and increase our efforts to raise funds for the same.

*Resolved* 2d. That this Conference requires that any young man seeking such aid must fully comply with the conditions stated on pages 51 and 52 of the journal of the last General Conference.

*Resolved* 3rd. That the moneys now in hand for such purposes shall be reserved by the Conference until it can be disbursed in strict accordance with the requirements of the General Conference.

T. J. OGBURN,
T. F. McCULLOCH.

CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

| PASTORAL CHARGES. | PASTORS. | Pastor's Claims. | Received. | President's Claims. | Received. | Home and Foreign Missions. | Local Missions. | Colleges. | Ministerial Education | Miscellany. | Total Am't. Contributed by each Charge. |
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| Albemarle | J. Paris | $ | $228.75 | $ 25 | $ 25.06 | $ 26.08 | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ 255.75 |
| Tar River | E A Wilson | 350.00 | 342.25 | 30 | 29.35 | 6.24 | 6.25 | | 6.25 | 148.56 | 568.90 |
| Greensville | J. S. Russell | 320.00 | 242.00 | 25 | 25.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | | | | 279.00 |
| Roanoke | W. H. Wills | 350.00 | 350.00 | 40 | 40 00 | 16.75 | 16.75 | | | 12.00 | 423.50 |
| Halifax | G. E. Hunt | 543.00 | 368.40 | 40 | 40.00 | 5.25 | 11.50 | 1.50 | 5.25 | 14.55 | 424.65 |
| Littleton | W. H. Lewis | | 225.00 | 10 | 16 00 | 3.44 | 3.44 | 5.00 | 3.44 | 45.00 | 301.28 |
| Granville | T. F. McCulloch | 500 00 | 400.00 | 50 | 41.10 | 38.00 | 26.00 | | 8.00 | 13.75 | 496.85 |
| North Granville | D. A. Fishel | 275.00 | 236.00 | 20 | 20.00 | 7.62 | 3.81 | | 3.81 | | 261.24 |
| Orange | W. W. Amick | 400.00 | 343.80 | 30 | 31.60 | 12 92 | 12.92 | | | | 401.24 |
| Alamance | C. F. Harris | | | 40 | 38.80 | | | | | | |
| Haw River | T. J. Ogburn | 400.00 | 429.00 | 45 | 48.00 | 98.81 | 54.54 | | 40.00 | 5.00 | 662,35 |
| Greensboro | R. H. Wills | 500.00 | 483.27 | 45 | 43.88 | 66.00 | 55 24 | | | | |
| Randolph | D. A. Highfill | 260.00 | 186.60 | 30 | 27.00 | 10.16 | 10.16 | | 2 35 | 75 00 | 291.17 |
| Guilford | I. I. York | 250.00 | 147.97 | 15 | 15.00 | 6.20 | 5.60 | | | | 176.77 |
| Winston | T. T. Ferree | 350.00 | 321.00 | 40 | 39.12 | 19 45 | 10.86 | | | | 390.43 |
| Forsyth | R. R. Hanner | 260.00 | 291 00 | 20 | 17.60 | 11.91 | 18.09 | | | | 318.60 |
| Asheboro | W. C. Kennett | 296.50 | 206.50 | 25 | 23.70 | 10.00 | 17.67 | | | 4.09 | 341.87 |
| Cedar Falls | J. H Gilbreath | 325.00 | 325.00 | 20 | 26.22 | 22.50 | 23 80 | | 1.80 | 67.50 | 384.12 |
| Davidson | A. W. Lineberry | | 345 64 | 35 | 27 22 | 4.50 | 4.55 | | | | 381.91 |
| Stanley | H. Lewallen | 300.00 | 214.50 | 15 | 12.10 | 3.00 | 3.63 | | | | 233.23 |
| Monroe | O. Ryder | 125.00 | 200.00 | 10 | | 4.15 | | | | | 204.15 |
| Mecklenburg | C. A. Pickens | 350.00 | 303.06 | 25 | 3.90 | 6.50 | 5.50 | | | | 318.96 |
| Catawba | C. Y. Wilson | 100.00 | 170.00 | 15 | 18.75 | | | | | 40.00 | 228.75 |
| Cleaveland | J. E. Hartsell | 172.00 | 156.50 | 15 | 17.85 | 7.25 | | | | 49.09 | 171.60 |
| Mocksville | H. C. Fulton | | | 10 | 8.75 | | | | | | |
| Buncombe | S. W. Coe | 200.00 | 200.00 | 30 | 31.30 | 24.00 | 20.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 5.30 | 296.60 |
| Henderson Station | J. P. Simpson | 300. | 310 | 10 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 3.40 | 3.40 | 3.40 | 49.09 | |
| La Grange Mission | J. Paris | | 96.75 | 10 | 10.00 | 1.35 | | | | | 128.10 |
| Surry Mission | J. H. Totten | | | 10 | 11.15 | 14.00 | | | | | |
| Rowan Mission | G. W. Bowman | 120.00 | 69.00 | 5 | | 3.00 | | | | | 77.00 |
| Winston Mission | F. M. Totten | | 300.00 | 5 | | 10.00 | 4.00 | | | | 318.00 |
| Caldwell Mission | L. M. Nolen | | | | | 3.40 | | | | | |
| Brevard Mission | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yadkin College Mission | S. Simpson | | | | 4.00 | | | | | | |
| | | 6746.50 | 6940.21 | $700 | $697.35 | $427.88 | $301.45 | $14.50 | $76.10 | $414.33 | $9057.25 |

| CHARGES. | Ministers, | Preachers. | Members. | Conversions. | Received. | Probations. | Deceased. | Withdrawn. | Removed. | Discontinued. | Increase. | Decrease. | Churches. | Valuation | Val. of Parsonages | Church Periodical. | Sabbath Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Vols. in Library. |
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| Alamance, | 2 | 1 | 750 | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 3000 | | 14 | 1 | | 40 | |
| Albemarle, | 1 | | 144 | | | | | | | | | 9 | 2 | 2400 | | 137 | 7 | 24 | 245 | 50 |
| Asheboro, | 1 | 1 | 554 | | 27 | | 1 | 8 | | | | | 8 | 2500 | | 49 | 3 | | | |
| Buncombe, | | 4 | 446 | 30 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 11 | | 5 | 2000 | | 15 | 2 | 6 | 100 | |
| Burke, | 2 | 3 | 140 | 10 | 10 | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | | | 15 | 2 | 10 | 10 | |
| Caldwell, | 3 | 1 | 350 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | | 6 | 2500 | | 10 | 2 | 10 | 80 | 20 |
| Catawba, | 1 | 1 | 526 | 18 | 23 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 14 | | 8 | 2250 | | 7 | 2 | 10 | 203 | 64 |
| Cleaveland, | 5 | 3 | 525 | 90 | 75 | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 70 | | 7 | 3000 | | 20 | 7 | 40 | 400 | |
| Cedar Falls, | 5 | 5 | 576 | 53 | 31 | | 14 | 1 | 32 | 78 | | 97 | 11 | 2400 | | 11 | 8 | 29 | 376 | |
| Davidson, | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 17 | 5 | 22 | 326 | 100 |
| Forsyth, | 2 | 3 | 352 | 18 | 9 | 3 | 4 | | 3 | 5 | | 4 | 7 | 2450 | | 154 | 8 | 16 | 350 | 250 |
| Greensboro, | 1 | 1 | 709 | 52 | 43 | 10 | 13 | 3 | 3 | | 24 | | 5 | 4600 | | 11 | 1 | 6 | 40 | 75 |
| Greensville, | 1 | 2 | 311 | 70 | 33 | | 8 | 1 | | 4 | 20 | | 9 | 5300 | | 27 | 1 | 6 | 40 | |
| Guilford, | 5 | | 446 | 63 | 51 | | | | 1 | 1 | 49 | | 4 | 2200 | | 25 | 6 | 18 | 160 | |
| Granville, | 1 | | 481 | 8 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | 6 | | 4 | 4 | 4000 | | 195 | 3 | 12 | 125 | |
| Halifax, | 1 | | 343 | 35 | 31 | | 3 | 5 | | 3 | 28 | | 6 | 5100 | 400 | | 3 | 2 | 8 | 50 | |
| Haw River, | 1 | 2 | 943 | 52 | 42 | 5 | 26 | 4 | 4 | 18 | | 10 | 9½ | 3800 | | | 2 | | | |
| Henderson Station, | | | 80 | | | | | | | | | | 1½ | 1400 | | 17 | 1 | 3 | 20 | |
| LaGrange, | 1 | | 200 | 36 | 40 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | | 3 | 800 | | 12 | 1 | 4 | 90 | |
| Littleton, | 2 | 2 | 368 | 51 | 43 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 36 | | 4 | 1800 | | | 4 | 14 | 160 | 50 |
| Mecklenburg, | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| North Granville,... | 3 | 1 | 171 | 27 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 12 | | 3 | 2000 | | 19 | 1 | 5 | 24 |
| Orange, ..... | 1 | | 433 | 65 | 33 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 28 | | 5 | 2000 | | 8 | 2 | 9 | 100 |
| Pigeon River,..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Randolph, ..... | 1 | | 500 | 30 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 25 | | 9 | 1600 | | 21 | 4 | 20 | 200 |
| Rowan,..... | 1 | 2 | 151 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 | | 25 | | 34 | 3 | 650 | | 6 | 1 | 7 | 80 |
| Surry Mission, .... | 2 | | 398 | 7 | 8 | | 2 | | 6 | | | | 4½ | 1800 | | 3 | 6 | 18 | 250 |
| Stanley ..... .. | 3 | 3 | 331 | 50 | 37 | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 31 | | 6 | 1200 | | 6 | 2 | 6 | 80 |
| Tar River,..... | 2 | | 118 | 5 | 4 | | 5 | 3 | | | | 4 | 4 | 2900 | | 97 | 3 | 18 | 118 |
| Winston ..... | 2 | 5 | 569 | 30 | 20 | 7 | | | | | 20 | | 5½ | 2500 | | 10 | 3 | 10 | | 200 |
| Winston Mission.. | 1 | | 65 | | 4 | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 5000 | | 99 | 1 | 6 | 90 | 50 |
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T. F. McCULLOCH,
Com. on Statistics.

# IN MEMORIAM.

## REV. JOHN LAFAYETTE SWAIN,

A Superannuated member of the North Carolina Conference, departed this life, at his home in Buncombe county, North Carolina, March 14th, 1880.

The cause of his death was an injury received from the falling of a tree, March 13th, the tree striking him on the head. This was at 11 o'clock, A. M., and his death followed at 1 o'clock next morning. The news of the accident was communicated to the family at home by his little son, who had accompanied him to the woods. Medical aid was at once called in, but proved unavailing. The deceased was unconscious for the greater part of the time after the accident, but in the afternoon of that day he rose and knelt frequently by his bedside and prayed, and had his wife to pray with him, and she heard him say "Lord, save me for Jesus' sake." His pastor, Bro. Coe, wrote: "Toward midnight he fell into a sleep from which he never woke, and passed away without a struggle or a groan, and with a sweet smile on his face."

Bro. Swain was aman justly beloved and honored by those who knew him. His piety was deep and experimental, and his life holy, consistent, earnest and useful. A life more truly devoted to the glory of God and the good of men, it would be difficult to find. Those among whom he labored bear testimony to his great faithfulness as a minister and to the amiable, loving spirit which ever characterized him. He was pre-eminently a peacemaker in the church of the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

It was a rainy day when he was buried, but the occasion called forth a large crowd of persons, who testified to the esteem in which he was held.

Bro. Swain was a native of Washington county, North Carolina, and in his early manhood received the ordinance of Baptism and was received into full membership in the Methodist Protestant Church, at what was called Swain's Chapel, a building which was then in a dilapidated condition, and was substituted by what is now known as Rehoboth Church, Albemarle circuit. The baptism of Bro. Swain occurred, as near as can be remembered, in 1849, at which time he appeared to be about 19 years of age. This would make him fifty years of age at the time of his death, but from the best information that we have been able to obtain, deceased was born in January, 1826, and he was therefore fifty-four years of age at the time of his deah.

In the year 1849, he was known as a steady, industrious, pious, circumspect young man, whose mother was an aged widow and a worthy member of the Methodist Protestant church at Swain's Chapel.

Not long after the baptism of our dear brother he evinced an earnest desire for broader literary culture than the neighborhood schools afforded, and by some means he made his way to Madison College, at Uniontown, Pa., where he remained several terms as an industrious student. On his return to North Carolina he opened an academy at Hamilton, in Martin county, which flourished handsomely under his wise and skillful management. Here he continued until hostilities began in the war between the States, when he accepted a commission as Captain of a company in the 17th Regiment of N. C. troops.

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J. F. HOYLE.

On motion. J. F. Harris was elected Secretary and T. T. Ferree, Assistant

Rev R. R. Hanner was appointed to receive the monies collected for the Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. C. A. Pickens was appointed to receive the Conference Missionary monies.

J. L. Ogburn was appointed to receive monies collected for Ministerial Education and for Colleges.

The rules of order, governing the last session of this body were read and adopted for the government of this session, and on motion the publishing committee was directed to have them printed in the minutes of this Conference.

Rev. G. E. Hunt moved that the committee on Itinerancy and Orders be appointed by this Conference to serve at the next session. Lost.

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## FIRST DAY.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President in the chair. The following was fixed as the hours of meeting and adjournment:—open at 8.30 A. M.,—adjourn at 11. for pulpit services: meet again at 1.30 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure.

W. F. Galloway was continued, as a beneficiary, at Yadkin College.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn introduced to the Conference, Rev. T. H Lewis, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, as a messenger from the Annual Council of the M. P. Church.

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## *APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.*

1. On Itinerancy and Orders:—J. R. Ball, C. F. Harris, A. W. Lineberry, T. F. McCullough, Ministers. J. L. Ogburn and W. W. Ellis, Laymen.

2. On Boundaries.—J. H. Totten, J. L. Michaux; W. C. Whitaker, Nathan Stafford, Dr. J. M. Hadley, J. P. M. Pickett, James Caudle and J. A. Spencer.

3. On Colleges.—Dr. A. C. Harris, F. M. Totten, T. T. Ferree J. R. Ball and J. L. Ogburn.

4. On Temperance.—W. W. Amick, S. W. Coe and T. E. Carmichael.

5. On Literature.—E. A. Wilson, J. C. Deans, J. N. Garrett Dr. J. M. Hadley and Jno. F. Harris.

6. On Missions.—C. A. Pickens, J. W. Heath, W. H. Lewis, D. W. Hardee, and W. F. Bowman.

7. On Obituaries.—W. H. Wills, J. L. Michaux and J. P. Simpson.

8. On Ministerial Education.—George E. Hunt, J. P. Simpson, R. R. Michaux and J. H. Gilbreath.

9. On Finance.—W. C. Whitaker, S. J. Lamb, R. A. Blaylock and A. L. Thomas,

10. On Unfinished Business.—W. C. Kennett.

11. On Pulpit Services.—T. J. Ogburn, I. I. York—and J. A. Jones, layman.

12. On Statistics.—J. N. Garrett, F. M. Totten—and L. R. Gooch, layman.

13. To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes in Pamphlet Form.—H. Lewallen.

The President submitted his annual report, which was adopted and referred to Dr. A. C. Harris, Dr. J. M. Hadley and J. H. Totten for reference of its several points to appropriate committees.

Upon the examination of ministerial character, reports of pastors were read, and except J. H. Gilbreath who was referred for judicial action, and J. S. Russell who has not communicated with this Conference, all were passed.

In justification of the action of the conference and in justice to Bro. Gilbreath, this note explanatory was ordered to be inserted,—not because of any immorality on his part nor for any dereliction of ministerial duty, except what is involved in what we hold to be his unsoundness of views and defectiveness of administration as to Baptism. His views and practices being in our opinion, and according to our observation, out of harmony with the standards of the Methodist Protestant church, and tending to schisms and disintegration.

A committee of three, W. C. Kennett, C. A. Pickens and J. L. Ogburn, were appointed to examine circuit class books of pastors. Adjourned; prayer by J. H. Totten.

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1883.

### MORNING SESSION

President in the chair. At 10 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Lewis addressed the Conference on the general interests of the church:—The Missionary cause, Periodical literature of the church, and Ministerial Education, much to the encouragement and gratification of the Conference.

Conference adjourned to hear the Conference sermon, by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. J. R. Ball in the chair. The committee to whom was referred the President's report suggested the appropriate committees to whom it should be referred, and it was so ordered. After an interchange of views on the subject of Yadkin College interests, and some routine business, the Conference adjourned. Prayer by Dr. A. C. Harris.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

The President in the chair. C. F. Harris, J. L. Ogburn and W. W. Ellis were appointed the committee on fraternal relations. After routine business, the conference adjourned at 11 o'clock, to listen to a sermon by T. H. Lewis, President of Westminster Theological Seminary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in the chair. A letter from S. Simpson, (professor of Natural Science and French, Westminster College, Maryland,) was read.

A Letter was received from D. A. Fishel, North Granville Ct., and referred to the Stationing Committee. Also, from William G. Hamilton, read and referred to the committee on Boundaries.

A letter from J. S. Dunn, requesting a supernumerary relation, was read and referred to the Stationing Committee, with instructions.

On motion of J. H. Gilbreath, it was ordered that the name of S. P. J. Harris be enrolled on the Annual Conference Journal as a minister of this Conference. Adjourned. Prayer by H. W. Peeples.

## DECEMBER 1ST, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

J. R. Ball in the chair. It was ordered, on motion of H. Lewallen, that the stationing authority of this Conference be vested in one lay delegate from each field of labor represented, and the President of the Conference.

W. H. Lewis appointed Conference Steward.

By the action of the Conference, it is required of the President that he shall travel the district the ensuing year.

## THE ORDER OF THE DAY: MEMORIAL SERVICES.

A large congregation filling the church to overflowing, having assembled, the President, and other members of the Conference—among whom Rev. W. H. Wills, A. J. Laughlin, George E. Hunt, H. W. Peeples, W. C. Kennett and others addressed the audience in feeling language on the heroic character and many virtues of the departed Jno. Paris, D. D.

The committee on obituaries submitted the following, which was adopted and ordered to be inserted in the minutes:—"As a member of the committee on obituaries, as also at the request of the family, the following memoranda of our dear Bro. Paris is submitted. In doing this I feel that his death has come closer home to me than any that has recently, if indeed any that has ever occurred.

"Earlier, my colleagues have left me; then I was more buoyant, now I know my own end must be near. Though several years my junior in the ministry, he was but a few weeks younger."

"For a number of months he had been afflicted with chronic diarrhoea, and if not a martyr to his zeal, his disease was aggravated and his death hastened by attempting to fill his appointments when he should have been in bed."

"At a late stage he left his home in La Grange and went to try the waters of Buffalo Springs in Virginia, near where he died, in the family of his father-in-law, on the morning of the 6th of October 1883: whence his body was taken down to La Grange for interment where his family resides. The character of Dr. Paris was well defined in his earnestness for the welfare of the church, his boldness in advocating and defending her polity and the firmness which he maintained in support of the truth. Not brilliant but solid, he was a true man and we always knew where he might be found. What he believed to be right he uncompromisingly maintained, and as boldly denounced error. Some say Dr. Paris was an extremist; with those whose principles are not well established, perhaps he was. He was a man of strong convictions and followed those convictions to their legitimate end; yet he was no bigot and yielded to persuasives that seemed clearly expedient. Such an instance occurred in the General Convention of 1877 and again in our last Annual Conference."

"John Paris was born in Orange, now Alamanee County, N. C., 1st, day of Sept. 1809, and was hence just past his 74th year. He was twice married; his first wife being Miss Bellamy of Edgecombe County, who died, leaving no issue. His second wife was Miss Maria Yaneey, of Mecklenburg County, Virginia; to whom he was married the 19th December 1849, and who survives him; their children are eight in number and most of them grown. Passing by Dr .Paris' earlier life we notiee that he received Deacon's orders from our Conferenee in 1842, and in 1843, em-

ployed by the President, was placed on Roanoke Ct. a part of that year. In November of that year he was received into the Annual Conference and as assistant assigned to Guilford Ct. In '44 and '45 he had charges. In '46 he was by request, left without an appointment, but was a member of the General Conference for the first time. From then till 1852 he was sometimes in the active work and sometimes in the hands of the President, or left, at request, without an appointment. In 1850 again in the General Conference. In 1852 he removed with certificate and went to the Virginia Conference. From that Conference he entered the Confederate Service as Chaplain. My information is that he continued in that service two years and nine months."

"The readers of the Methodist Protestant, for the last two years, have read the communications of an army chaplain, and from them may be seen the trials he endured and the sacrifices which he made; and are demonstrations of his zeal and devotion to principle. In 1865 he returned to N. C., and re-entering the Conference, was elected to the General Conference of 1866, also again in 1870, and yet again in 1874. Then a member of the General Convention in Baltimore in 1877. In 1879 he was President of the Conference and from 1865 to 1883 more or less active. In 1881, the Missionary on La Grange proving unfaithful, Dr. Paris endeavored to serve that Mission, as also his own charge, Albemarle Ct. These fields were a hundred miles apart; and the labor and travel of that year, were a tax upon his physical powers, which no doubt laid the foundation of his future disease. The last year of his life was spent on La Grange Mission. Here he laid down the weapons of his warfare and from here he no doubt went up from earth to Heaven. We think there is no doubt of the commendation 'well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord' being applied to him."

W. H. WILLS.

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Bro. J. L. Michaux, the second member of the committee, offered the following:—

"I think I have had all sufficient opportunities for making a just estimate of the character of Rev. Dr. Paris, whose sudden and unexpected removal from our midst has pained so many hearts, for my acquaintance with him dates back to 1844, which was perhaps the second year of his ministry. At that time he was associate pastor on the Guilford Circuit. I remember that he was held to be a very strict Disciplinarian and much of his preaching was directed against the prevailing follies and inconsistencies of the day."

"He was particularly faithful in rebuking the frivolity and lightness observable in any who held the ministerial office, and sometimes he even seemed severe. But it was his habit to be faithful in the performance of what he regarded as his duty, and from it he never swerved for a moment. It was my good fortune

to be his assistant on the Roanoke Circuit in 1846, which was a short time after his first marriage, and in May of the same year he was a representative in the General Conference of the church for the first time. He was a close student of Ecclesiastical history and of the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Protestant Church. Indeed he magnified and honored the church principles which he had so earnestly espoused, and often made them the topic of conversation in the circle in which he moved so that the membership of his charge were edified by his earnest and well digested philosophy. His preaching was bold and fearless, combining the doctrinal and practical, and evinced a depth of honest conviction in the heart of the preacher which was patent to all who heard him. If any can have regarded him as austere I am sure they were mistaken.

"Those who knew our reverend brother, as he sometimes appeared in debate can scarcely guess how very tender he was in the feelings of his heart, and this tenderness he always manifested in revival season, where oftentimes I have seen him convulsed and shaken with deep and uncontrolable emotion as he wept and prayed over penitent sinners. So great was his love of truth that what seemed to his mind contrary, was an object of out spoken loathing and disgust.

"For what he held to be unsound in principle or erroneous in practice he had no fellowship, and gave it no place. In his relation to christian doctrines and duties, Dr. Paris was always a strict constructionist and just here was the ground on which he most differed from others. In defence of what he believed to be true he was a soldier, bold and unflinching, yet he was not bitter, he may have seemed so to some, but it was only in his manner and not in his heart.

"But I think that among all the excellent traits, which adorned the character of our now departed brother, there were none more decided, or more constant in action than the spirit in which he welcomed danger, trial, suffering, privation and self-sacrifice as these lay in the pathway of ministerial service.

"Now that it is all over and the eye can measure the broad and arduous field, on which "without a figure of speech, his zeal consumed him. The tears of those who lament him are my tears and their sorrow my sorrow; and yet how know we that he would not have chosen for himself just such an end of all this trial and suffering." His life has ended well, he fills the grave of unsullied honor and awaits the resurrection unto Life Eternal."

J. L. M.

## *REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES, AS ADOPTED:*

1. Spring Church detached from Tar River Circuit, will provide for its own pastorial supply this year. 2. Sapling Ridge and Center, detached from Randolph Circuit and attached to Alamance Circuit. 3. Shiloh Church detached

from Greensboro Circuit and attached to Randolph Circuit. 4. Bethany de tached from Cedar Falls Circuit and attached to Randolph Circuit. 5. Charlotte detached from Cedar Falls Circuit and attached to Asheboro Circuit. 6. Anson Mission, discontinued as a mission, and attached to Monroe Circuit. 7. Buncombe Circuit, divided at the request of its Fourth Quarterly Conference, as follows:—a. Swannanoa, Ream's Creek, Pleasant Grove, Union, Mt. Zion and Flint Hill, composing Buncombe Circuit; b. Mountain Valley, Big Ivey, Pleasant Gap, Laurel Branch, Hays' Mountain and Terry's Fork, composing Ivey Circuit. 8. Pleasant Hill, detached from Guilford Circuit and returned to High Point. Fair Field, detached from High Point Circuit and returned to Guilford Circuit.

No other changes were recommended.

The election of President being the order of the day, the Chair appointed Bros. Kennett and Whitaker tellers; who reported the election of Rev- R. H. Wills, upon the first ballot. After an appropriate and feeling address, Bro. Wills resumed the chair.

On motion of T. T. Ferree, the President was made general agent for Yadkin College.

At the request of Dr. Wills, the Secretary was requested to make an alphabetical list of circuits, stations and missions.

On motion, Dr. F. S. Harris, of Henderson, was appointed Publishing Committee.

Bro. Ball, from the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, submitted the following report:

"We have had before us Bros. S. W. Coe and Oliver Ryder, and have ex-"amined them, and do hereby heartily recommend them for ordination. We "had before us also, Bros. W. F. Kennett, W. M. Pike, A. C. Spillman, W. L. "Harris and W. F. McDowell, for Itineracy; after a brief examination we "feel safe in recommending them to your care, to be put under the stationing "authority of this body; and to be kept under the care of the committee of this "Conference, in view of their ordination. The names of W. T. Hemphill and "J. H. Moton were before us, but, they being absent, we cannot take action in "their case" Adopted.

Bros. Coe and Ryder were elected to Elders orders, and were duly ordained on Sunday morning; the President, assisted by Bros. G E. Hunt and J. C. Deans, officiating, and their names were ordered to be entered upon the Conference Roll as full members.

## DECEMBER 3RD, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

The President and Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society of the North Carolina Conference made the following report:

*To the President and members of the N. C. Annual Conference, M. P. Church, in Conference assembled at Fair Grove Church, Rockingham County, N. C., Nov. 28th—Dec. 4th, 1883.*

The Board of Managers of the funds of the Superannuated Fund Society, N. C. Conference M. P. Church, beg leave to report to your body that according to appointment and the requirements of our Constitution and By-Laws, we held our annual meeting on the 30th Nov. ulto., when C. F. Harris, President; A. C. Harris, Vice-President; W. O. Donnell, Treasurer; J. L. Ogburn and J. F. Harris, Managers, were present. There is no change in the status of the funds of the Society, as recorded in the minutes of your Conference for 1880, pp. 539-40-41 in the report of W. H. Wills, Chairman of a Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, and Dr. L. W, Batchelor, retiring Treasurer; and on pp. 7 and 8 of Records of the transactions of this Society. That under the instructions of the Society, Bro. Donnell, Treasurer, wrote to the several debtors, but received replies from only two. That we have appointed Jno. F. Harris to visit or communicate with the parties indebted, and to adjust the indebtedness to the best advantage, and report to the treasurer of this society. Bros W. C. Whitaker, Enfield, N. C.; T. T. Hicks, Henderson, N. C., and Rev. J. W. Heath, were duly elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Revs. W. H. Wills, G. A. T. Whitaker, and F. H. Whitaker charter members of this Society. The Treasurer reported having received through the hands of Rev. C. F. Harris $7.00, and having paid out 75 cts. expressage on Conference Journals and valuable papers.

Considering the society as established on a sure basis, and as operating in a highly commendable cause, we respectfully suggest the readoption of that part of the action of your body in Conference assembled in 1848. "That every itinerant minister and preacher, belonging to this Conference shall by virtue, of his appointment, become an agent to solicit by subscription or otherwise, contributions in aid of said fund; and it shall be the duty of said ministers and preachers to bring this subject to the attention of the charitable and benevolent of our membership and our friends."

It is hardly necessary for our board to suggest the great necessity of an earnest effort on the part of your ministerial appointees and the church generally, to come up to the help of our superannuated ministers and the widows and orphans of those who have died in the service, with the assurance that the funds shall be sacredly kept and appropriated only to the objects contemplated.

Brethren, give your ministerial force assurance of your determined care for them and theirs, and relieve their minds from any burden as to the care of their families, when they shall become your wards.

The order of the day, "the organization of the Electoral College," being announced—on motion Dr. A. C. Harris was appointed Chairman; D. A. Highfill Secretary, and F. M. Totten.

W. C. Whitaker and J. L. Ogburn, were appointed Judges: the following were declared to be elected:—

| MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES. | LAY REPRESENTATIVES. |
|---|---|
| T. T. Ferree, | S. V. Pickens, |
| R. H. Wills, | Dr. J. M. Hadley, |
| T. J. Ogburn, | W. C. Whitaker, |
| W. W. Amick, | J. C. Roberts, |
| J. L. Michaux, | J. L. Ogburn, |
| A. W. Lineberry, | J. A. Holt, |
| A. C. Harris, M. D. | S. R. Harris, |
| J. R. Ball, | J. F. Harris, |

The four ministers and four Laymen receiving next highest votes were declared alternates.

The Electoral College adjourned and Conference resumed its regular business, A. C. Harris in the chair.

The standing District Committee was elected and consists of Rev. J. R. Ball, Rev. A. W. Lineberry, stationed; and Rev. J. L. Giles, unstationed: Bros. J. C. Roberts, J. L. Ogburn and O. R. Cox, Laymen.

Hickory Grove Church, Randolph Circuit, Chatham Co., was decided upon as the place, and Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in December 1884 as the time for the meeting of the next Annual Conference.

Rev. J. W. Heath was appointed Treasurer of the Ministerial fund of this conference, vice Rev. S. Simpson, resigned.

On motion of Bro. Lewallen, the Conference ordered the insertion in the published minutes, the law governing the election of Lay Delegates to our Annual Conference.

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## *REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS:*

Your committee on Missions beg leave to report:

That the gradually growing interests of our Church in Missionary work is very encouraging, and predicts a widespread influence of the Gospel through our Church, as also a rapid growth of Methodist Protestantism in the United States.

While we rejoice to see the great success attending the various Missions under the control of the Home Missionary Board, and while we desire and purpose exerting ourselves in a continued co-operation with said Board; still we feel that a deeper interest is needed within the limits of our own North Carolina Conference; especially do we find this the case, when we take into consideration the lack of the Missionary spirit among our ministers and preach-

ers; and the general failure among our laymen to support more comfortably and creditably such Missions as are already established within our bounds.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That every pastor be requested to exert himself to educate the membership on their respective fields of labor to make more liberal donations in this direction, that we may the sooner be enabled to establish and support successful Missions in Greensboro, Hendersonville and other points where good help is offered.

2. That in consideration of the fact that our Foreign Missions. under the immediate control of Miss H. G. Brittan and Rev. F. C. Klein, are advancing and doing a great work in teaching and preaching the everlasting Gospel to those dwelling in the benighted lands of heathendom, we endorse the proceedings or act of the Board in the purchase of the home in Yokohama, where we now can have a permanent school without being reduced, as heretofore, to the necessity of paying high rents for same buildings.

3. That, inasmuch as the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in the Minutes of the Annual Council of this year, shows a steady growth in interest and strength, we recommend that the good women of our State and Conference co-operate with said society, and take a deeper interest in WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN, which is highly commendable, and worthy of praise.

4. We recommend that, ten cents per member be raised this Conference year for our own Conference Missions, and ten cents for the Home and Foreign Missions.

Signed { C. A. PICKENS, W. H. LEWIS, J. W. HEATH.

W. C. Kennett, from the Committee on Unfinished business reported that having carefully examined the minutes of last Conference, they find two items unfinished. (1) The resolution, on page 14 of the published minutes, in regard to the Yadkin College debt. (2) An appeal to the General Conference on page 16, in regard to the modification of the existing law in reference to church extension boards.

Bro. Wills called for the reading of the resolutions of the General Conference.

Pending the discussion, Conference adjourned.

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## DECEMBER 3RD, 1883.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion of the General Conference resolutions was resumed, and after a full interchange of views the Conference did not concur in the call of a Convention.

On motion of Bro. Lewallen, our representatives to the General Conference were instructed to oppose the abolition of the restrictive rule.

# CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

| Pastoral Charges. | Pastors. | Pastors' Claims. | Received. | Home and Foreign Missions. | Local Missions. | Colleges. | Ministerial Education. | Miscellany. | Total Amts. Contributed by each Charge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albemarle, | E. A. Wilson, | $ | $ | $ 8 00 | $ 8 40 | | $ | 6 10 | |
| Tar River, | J. P. Simpson, | 500 00 | 300 00 | 2 00 | | | | | |
| Greensville, | J. S. Russell, | | | | | | | | |
| Roanoke, | W. H. Wills, | 350 00 | 334 40 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 80 00 | | | |
| Halifax, | G. E. Hunt, | 500 00 | 400 00 | 6 15 | 6 15 | | | 23 30 | |
| Littleton, | W. H. Lewis, | | 210 00 | 5 76 | 2 38 | 32 38 | 2 38 | 75 00 | |
| Granville, | T. T. Ferree, | 500 00 | 500 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 150 00 | | 1500 00 | |
| N. Granville, | D. A. Fishel, | 275 00 | 225 00 | 10 50 | 5 25 | | 5 25 | | |
| Orange, | W. W Amick, | 350 00 | 350 00 | 13 05 | 13 05 | | | 85 85 | |
| Alamance, | J. H. Totten, | | | 32 00 | 23 00 | | 1 50 | | |
| Haw River, | T. J Ogburn, | 300 00 | 344 95 | 11 52 | 8 81 | 70 80 | 6 92 | | |
| Greensboro, | J. R. Rall, | 400 00 | 400 00 | 15 05 | 15 00 | | 3 60 | | |
| Randolph, | D. A Highfill, | 275 00 | 237 50 | 10 32 | 10 32 | | 7 82 | 225 00 | |
| Guilford, | I. I. York, | 200 00 | 175 38 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 30 00 | | 5 50 | |
| Winston, | R. H. Wills, | 442 00 | 349 59 | 32 66 | 27 58 | 168 42 | 18 00 | | |
| Forsythe, | R. R. Hanner, | 290 00 | 246 62 | 11 38 | 11 38 | | 1 00 | 59 27 | |
| Ashboro, | W. C. Kennett, | 282 00 | 285 45 | 18 56 | 18 56 | 40 00 | | | |
| Cedar Falls, | J. H. Gilbreath, | 400 00 | 400 00 | 8 00 | 9 00 | | | 20 00 | |
| Davidson, | A. W. Lineberry, | 350 00 | 341 31 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 49 50 | | | |
| Stanly, | H. Lewallen, | 320 00 | 201 36 | 2 70 | 2 70 | | | | |
| Monroe, | O. Ryder, | 190 00 | 153 04 | 50 | | | | | |
| Mecklenburg, | C. A. Pickens, | 350 00 | 329 95 | 12 00 | 12 54 | 50 00 | 3 65 | 400 00 | |
| Catawba, | C. L. Wilson, | | | | | | | | |
| Cleaveland, | J. E. Hartsell, | 213 00 | 235 00 | 7 25 | 6 15 | | | 1 70 | |
| Mocksville, | S. W Coe, | 200 00 | 201 88 | 15 00 | 14 00 | | 4 40 | 35 50 | |
| Buncombe, | J. H. Moton, | | 231 73 | 7 00 | | | | | |
| Henderson Station, | D. A Fishel & T. T. Ferree, | 200 00 | 200 00 | 1 68 | 84 | 30 00 | 84 | | |
| La Grange Mission, | Jno. Paris, | 200 00 | 150 00 | | 3 00 | 10 00 | | | |
| Surry Mission, | A. C. Spillman, | 100 00 | 104 05 | 3 27 | 4 27 | 30 00 | | | |
| Rowan, Mission, | J. N. Garrett. | 150 00 | 61 10 | 82 | 82 | 57 | 58 | 15 00 | |
| Winston Mission, | F. M. Totten, | | 332 75 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 15 00 | | 10 00 | |
| High Point Circuit, | M. E. Hammer, | 190 00 | 200 00 | 15 35 | | | | | |
| Flat Rock, | T. F. McCullough, | 375 00 | 275 24 | 34 56 | 15 00 | 67 50 | 10 87 | | |
| | | $7902 00 | $7776 30 | $328 08 | $257 20 | $824 17 | $66 81 | $2462 22 | |

## DECEMBER 4TH, 1883.

MORNING SESSION.

Dr. Wills in the Chair.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

R. R. Hanner from the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions made report of collections. (See Steward's report.)

In addition to this J. M. L. Hammer, six year old son of Rev. W. C. Hammer, contributed $1.75.

C. A. Pickens from the Committee to examine pastors' class books. Reports:

11 Charges in good and very good condition; 7 in fair condition; 5 poor and 4 bad. We recommend that pastors be required to bring their Circuit Class Books to the next Annual Conference for Examination by a Committee.

J. L Ogburn, the Committee to receive funds for Ministerial Education, made report:

(See Steward's report in proper column)

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## *REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.*

We notice first: "The Central Protestant," the organ of the N. C., Conference, published at Greensboro, N. C. under the direction of the Conference as claiming special attention· We commend it to the care of the Conference, and would urge the pastors of every charge to use their best efforts to increase its circulation. It would be well if it were taken and read by every Methodist Protestant family in North Carolina.

We also call attention to the "Methodist Protestant," Published in the city of Baltimore; the organ of the General Conference. This paper, your committee regards as among the best religious journals published on the Continent. We heartily recommend it to the patronage of our people in the N. C., Conference.

We also recommend to your favorable consideration the "Methodist Recorder." an official organ, published in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., as being an excellent paper and worthy of your patronage.

We invite your special attention to our Sunday School Literature, and Missionary paper: all of which we regard as strictly prime; and would suggest that every pastor in the Conference be requested to bring the matter prominently before Sunday School superintendents and urge them to use our own literature which we think "good as the best and cheap as any."

We would likewise commend The Book Concern of the Methodist Protestant Church, located in Baltimore, under the management of W. J. C. Dulany & Co., as being in every way worthy of our confidence and patronage.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. DEANS,
J. N. GARRETT,
D. A. HIGHFILL.

# STATISTICAL REPORT.

| Pastoral Charges. | Ministers. | Preachers. | Members. | Probationers. | Conversions. | Received | Deceased. | Withdrawn. | Removed. | Discontinued. | Increase. | Decrease. | Churches | Valuation of Churches. | Valuation of Parsonages | Church Periodicals | Sabbath Schools | Teachers | Scholars | Volumes in Library |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albemarle Circuit | 1 | | 151 | | 24 | 22 | 3 | 4 | | 16 | | 1 | 2 | $2400 | $ | 10 | 1 | 11 | 40 | 60 |
| Tar River. | 1 | | 181 | | | 5 | 1 | 45 | 13 | 42 | | 96 | 5 | 3500 | | | 1 | 8 | 30 | |
| Greensville, | 1 | 2 | 311 | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5300 | | | | | | |
| Roanoke, | 2 | 1 | 295 | | | 31 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 10 | | 4 | 3350 | 800 | 210 | 5 | 35 | 188 | 338 |
| Halifax, | 1 | | 307 | | 12 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 17 | | 36 | 6 | 5125 | 400 | | | | | |
| Littleton, | 2 | 1 | 236 | | 30 | 45 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 26 | | 3 | 1000 | | 9 | 1 | 6 | 40 | |
| Granville, | 1 | | 479 | 4 | 75 | 24 | 6 | 1 | | 12 | 6 | | 4 | 5350 | | | | | | |
| N. Granville, | 3 | 1 | 187 | | 10 | 26 | 1 | | 1 | | 24 | | 4 | 2500 | | 15 | | | | |
| Orange, | 1 | | 430 | | 62 | 49 | 3 | | | 5 | 36 | | 5 | 2000 | | | 4 | 12 | 200 | |
| Alamance, | 1 | | 779 | 19 | 133 | 110 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 90 | | 6 | 3500 | | | 5 | 25 | 300 | |
| Haw River, | 1 | 1 | 340 | 12 | 26 | 25 | 6 | 3 | | | 16 | | 4 | 2700 | | | | | | |
| Greensboro, | 3 | 2 | 731 | 1 | | 33 | | 4 | | | 22 | | 7 | 4600 | | | 7 | 16 | 351 | 250 |
| Randolph, | 1 | 2 | 565 | 21 | 183 | 96 | | | 8 | 3 | 65 | | 9 | 2000 | | 163 | 6 | 23 | 265 | 100 |
| Guilford, | 3 | | 382 | 2 | 53 | 34 | 2 | | | | 34 | | 7 ½ | 2200 | | 18 | 5 | 15 | 100 | 80 |
| Winston, | 4 | 3 | 573 | 3 | 26 | 34 | 10 | 25 | 3 | 10 | | 15 | 5 ½ | 2500 | | 5 | 5 | 24 | 145 | 125 |
| Forsythe, | 2 | 1 | 360 | 5 | 31 | 17 | 2 | 6 | | 1 | 8 | | 7 | 2400 | | 12 | 4 | 22 | 295 | |
| Ashboro, | 1 | 1 | 540 | | 50 | 36 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 14 | | 8 | 1000 | | | 8 | 32 | 300 | |
| Cedar Falls, | 4 | 3 | 534 | | 75 | 100 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 98 | | 6 | 3000 | | | 6 | 46 | 200 | |
| Davidson, | 1 | 6 | 490 | | 60 | 42 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 23 | | 7 ⅓ | 1400 | | | 6 | 36 | 342 | |
| Stanly, | 2 | 5 | 416 | 1 | 46 | 43 | 3 | | | 12 | 75 | | 7 | 1500 | | 111 | 8 | 10 | 225 | 24 |
| Monroe, | 1 | 2 | 170 | 18 | 25 | 22 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | | 6 | 1700 | | 4 | 7 | 18 | 100 | |
| Mecklenburg, | 1 | | 413 | 7 | 75 | 67 | 7 | | | 4 | 56 | | 5 | 4500 | | 17 | 4 | 14 | 106 | 90 |
| Catawba, | 3 | 1 | 350 | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 2500 | | | | | | |
| Cleaveland, | 5 | | 549 | | 26 | 45 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 27 | | 3 | 2300 | | 18 | 5 | 27 | 260 | 44 |
| Mocksville, | | 1 | 255 | 3 | 81 | 46 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 31 | | 4 | 2000 | | 90 | 4 | 16 | 150 | |
| Buncombe, | 1 | 5 | 512 | 6 | 169 | 70 | 5 | | 4 | | 61 | | 5 | 2000 | | 17 | 6 | | | |
| Henderson Station, | | 1 | 41 | | 5 | 9 | 1 | | | | 8 | | 1 | 3000 | | 55 | 1 | 4 | 34 | |
| La Grange Mission, | | | 80 | | | | | | | | | | 1 ½ | 1400 | | | | | | |
| Surry " | 2 | 1 | 310 | | 11 | 23 | 1 | 5 | 3 | | 14 | | 4 ½ | 1350 | | 9 | 3 | 15 | 183 | |
| Rowan " | 1 | 2 | 152 | | 11 | 11 | 4 | 6 | | | 1 | | 8 | 1000 | | 30 | 2 | 13 | 121 | 60 |
| Winston " | 1 | | 100 | 1 | 50 | 32 | | | | | 32 | | 1 | 5000 | | 40 | 1 | 7 | 80 | 150 |
| Caldwell " | 2 | 3 | 140 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Flat Rock Circuit, | 6 | 2 | 626 | 5 | 18 | 21 | 5 | 2 | | | 14 | | 6 ½ | 3500 | | 75 | 6 | 24 | 200 | |
| High Point " | 3 | 1 | 258 | 4 | 95 | 69 | 2 | | | 3 | 64 | | 5 | 1200 | | | 7 | 27 | 264 | 25 |
| Anson Mission, | 1 | | 33 | | 13 | 12 | 1 | | | | 12 | | 1 | 150 | | 15 | | | | |
| | 62 | 48 | 12276 | 103 | 1475 | 1198 | 95 | 140 | 68 | 182 | 880 | 148 | 166 | 5-6 | $88925 | | | | | |

# *REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES.*

The Methodist Protestant Church has three denominational colleges in operation; Westminster, in Maryland; Adrian, in *M*ichigan; and Yadkin, in Davidson Co., N. C. These Institutions of learning commend themselves to those who may desire to avail themselves of the privileges of an education; and we especially recommend parents and guardians to send their sons, daughters and wards to any one of these for thorough training.

The subject of advanced education is urging itself upon us, and we should not be slow to avail ourselves of the opportunities afforded us to keep abreast of the times. Let it not be said of us that, with such appliances at our command, we fail to recognize them, and that our children are behind in the race for mental improvement.

Our own college offers to us as a Conference, special advantages in her Curriculum and the low price charged for Tuition and Board; as well as the moral influence exercised over the students who avail themselves of the privileges offered; and we recommend parents and guardians to consider these, and to send their children and wards there, for instruction.

Almost relieved from indebtedness, and with the building, probably second to none within our bounds, we look forward to and gladly hail the success, in every respect, of this our foster child. In common with the other colleges referred to, we offer to young men who are preparing for the ministry, at least in our own Conference, the advantages necessary to the successful prosecution of their studies.

With no purpose of making invidious distinctions, we offer the following, which has been referred to us by your body:—

Whereas, the *M*ethodist Protestant Church has, at Westminster *M*aryland; the buildings and arrangements for the successful prosecution of the important work of preparing young men for our ministry, and

Whereas, we feel the importance of united action of all the Conferences in a matter that concerns us all so greatly, therefore *Resolved* 1st, That we hereby give our hearty endorsement to the Westminster Theological Seminary of the *M.* P. Church, and recommend it to young men contemplating our ministry.

*Resolved* 2nd, That the President of this Conference be authorized to appoint one minister and one layman of this body to represent the North Carolina Conference in the board of visitors of that Institution.

*Resolved* 3rd, That we hereby direct the pastors of this Conference to take a collection, to be known as "Seminary Collection," on their respective charges, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Seminary and there placed to the credit of this Conference, to be redeemed in tuition to young men selected by this Conference for the ministry of our Church in North Carolina.

A. C. HARRIS, Chairman

The Conference resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the interests of Yadkin College.

The indebtedness, as reported by a committee of three under Dr. Hadley's motion was found to be:—

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| Two mortgages amounting in the aggregate to | $2115.15 |
| A floating debt of about | 350.00 |

Rev. J. R. Ball, Treasurer of the Yadkin College Fund, reported as follows:—

| PASTORAL CHARGES. | Rec'ts. | Def'ts | PASTORAL CHARGES. | Rec'ts. | Def't |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greensboro, | 81 30 | 3 70 | Bro't up, | 800 23 | 55 50 |
| Granville, | 150 00 | 0 00 | Davidson, | 49 50 | |
| Orange, | 85 85 | 4 15 | High Point, | 750 00 | 40 00 |
| Randolph, | 16 00 | 74 00 | Roanoke, | 80 00 | 60 00 |
| Winston, | 163 00 | 137 00 | Tar River | 30 00 | 35 00 |
| Alamance, | 23 25 | 76 75 | Ashboro, | 40 00 | 15 00 |
| Forsythe, | 49 27 | 10 73 | Guilford, | 30 00 | 25 00 |
| Mocksville, | 23 00 | 77 00 | Mecklenburg, | 50 00 | |
| Halifax, | 61 00 | 59 00 | Haw River, | 100 00 | 0 00 |
| Littleton, | 32 58 | 0 00 | Henderson Station, | 30 00 | 00 00 |
| Monroe. | 4 38 | 25 62 | Winston Station, | 15 00 | 20 00 |
| Flat Rock, | 67 50 | 0 00 | La Grange Mission, | 10 00 | 0 00 |
| Cedar Falls | 20 00 | 40 00 | Surry Mission, | 30 01 | 0 00 |
| Cleaveland, | 1 70 | 43 30 | Rowan Mission, | 15 00 | 0 00 |
| Stanley, | 21 40 | 23 60 | | | |
| | 800 23 | | | $1287 24 | |

The balance on the mortgage debt of $827 91, was provided for, by contributions on the Conference floor and $400, borrowed from a friend; for which a number of the brethren gave their individual bond.

Resolution of the Conference to raise the $400 00 borrowed and $350.00 floating debt

"*Resolved*, That the pastors of Circuits which failed to collect the assessment made last year on them for Yadkin College, be required to make every reasonable effort to collect the same,"

Six fields of labor made no report and the assessment was continued:—

Albemarle $40.00; Greensville $75.00; North Granville $60.00; Catawba $45.00; Buncombe $90.00 Caldwell *M*ission $15.00.

Resolution of H. Lewallen and others as adopted unanimously:—

"*Resolved*, That this Annual Conference request the trustees of Yadkin College, in the future to make no other debts whatever."

Resolution by A. W. Lineberry and T. T Ferree, as adopted by the Conference:—

"*Resolved*, That pastors be required to bring the interests of Yadkin College prominently before the people on their fields of labor and to use their best efforts to give the Institution a good supply of students."

The report of the Committee on Temperance suggests the propriety of each minister preaching at least one discourse during the Conference year in each of his churches, on the subject of Temperance, and to expose as a moral evil the manufacture traffic and use, as a beverage of all intoxicating drinks.

W. W. A*M*ICK,
S. W. COE.

## *REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.*

After considering that almost every pastoral charge has its "weak points," we recommend that the assessments and collections for the "General Interest" of our Zion be made per capita.

The President's salary $700, and $400, to defray the expenses of our representatives to the General Conference, we apportion as follows:

| | For President | For General Conference Rep's | | For President | For General Conference Rep's | | For President | For General Conference Rep's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alamance, | 45 | 25 | Granville, | 30 | 17 | Randolph, | 30 | 17 |
| Ashboro, | 35 | 20 | Guilford, | 25 | 15 | Rowan, | 10 | 5 |
| Albemarle, | 10 | 7 | Haw River, | 25 | 13 | Roanoke, | 20 | 12 |
| Buncombe, | 15 | 9 | Henderson, | 6 | 5 | Surry, | 10 | 8 |
| Caldwell, | 10 | 7 | Halifax, | 20 | 10 | Stanley, | 20 | 12 |
| Cleaveland, | 35 | 10 | Ivey, | 15 | 10 | Tar River, | 10 | 8 |
| Catawba, | 21 | 13 | La Grange, | 8 | 5 | Winston, *M*iss. | 8 | 5 |
| Cedar Falls, | 32 | 15 | Littleton, | 12 | 8 | *W*inston *C*t. | 32 | 15 |
| Davidson, | 35 | 20 | *M*ecklenburg, | 21 | 12 | Yadkin *C*ollege, | 3 | 1 |
| Forsythe, | 20 | 15 | *M*ocksville, | 15 | 12 | Spring *C*hurch, | 5 | 2 |
| Flat Rock, | 27 | 16 | *M*onroe, | 10 | 5 | | | |
| Greensboro, | 45 | 25 | North Granville, | 10 | 5 | | | |
| Greenville, | 2 | | Orange, | 25 | 16 | | | |
| | | | | | | | $700. | $400. |

As suggested in the Annual Report of the President, your Committee would recommend the Quarterly Conference to adopt the plan of assessing members of the church individually to raise collections for church purposes Pastors should, systematically and early in the year, bring the different interests before the people and explain for what purpose the money is to be used. The Stewards should take a list of the membership, apportion the different assessments, see each member and collect the apportionments, monthly or quarterly.

W. C. WHITAKER, Chairman.

On motion J. L. Michaux was elected Editor, and A. W. Lineberry, J. R. Ball, W. W. Amick and R. H. Wills, Publishing Committee of the *Central Protestant.*

Preamble and Resolution offered by J. L. Michaux and adopted by the Conference:—

"Whereas, The *M*ethodist Protestant Church has two publishing houses, one in Pittsburg Pa., the other one in Baltimore *Md.*, and Whereas, the necessities of the church do not demand, neither does our denominational strength permit the support of two such institutions at an extra expense of thousands of dollars, when by consolidation of the two concerns, our publishing interests would be strengthened and the purposes had in view be the more successfully promoted. Therefore *Resolved*, that we respectfully ask the next General Conference to inquire into the expediency of consolidating the two interests, so as to have one p blishing house and one official organ for the whole church, the location to be decided by the General Conference."

Revs. J· R. Ball, T. J. Ogburn J. L. Michaux and T. F. McCullough were appointed the ministerial part of the Committee to examine candidates for the ministry, and requested to meet at the place, and on the day before the sitting of the next Annual Conference.

The President appointed T. J. Ogburn and J. C. Roberts as members of the board of visitors to the Theologieal Seminary at Westminster.

Bros. J. L. Michaux and G. E. Hunt offered the following which was adopted:

"Whereas, Rev. *M*. H. *M*oore has written and will soon publish a book of sketches of the Pioneers of *M*ethodism in North Carolina and Virginia, and Whereas, we are favorably impressed with *Mr.* Moore as an Author, Therefore, *Resolved*, that we hail with pleasure the forthcoming sketches, and trust that the work may receive the most kindly consideration at the hands of our people in North Carolina."

Resolution of thanks offered by Revs. Lineberry, Ferree and Highfill and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:—

"*Resolved*, that the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Conference."

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## *REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.*

1 Albemarle—E. A. Wilson, Mackey's Ferry.
2 Alamance—G. W. Bowman.
3 Asheboro—W. C. Kennett, Pleasant Garden.
4 Buncombe—W. F. Kennett.
5 Catawba—to be supplied with W. E. Swain, Lincolnton.
6 Cleaveland—J. E. Hartsell, Holly Bush.
7 Cedar Falls—to be supplied.
8 Caldwell Mission—L. M. Nolen.
9 Davidson Circuit—A. W. Lineberry, Greensboro.
10 Forsythe—J. H. Totten, Benefit.
11 Flat Rock—C. F. Harris, Summerfield.
12 Greensboro—W. W. Amick, Long's Mills.
13 Guilford—H. Lewallen, Asheboro.
J. C. Deans, Sup'y, High Point.
14 Granville—T. T. Ferree, Kittrell.
15 Halifax—G. E. Hunt, Ringwood.

16 Henderson Station—F. M. Totten. Henderson.
17 High Point—M. E. Hammer, Freeman's Mills.
18 Haw River—J. W. Heath, Brown's Summit.
19 Ivey—J. H. Moton.
20 Littleton—O. Ryder, Littleton.
21 La Grange Mission—to be supplied.
22 Mocksville " —S. W. Coe, Elbaville.
23 Mecklenburg Circuit—J. N. Garrett.
24 Monroe—W. M. Pike, W. H. Lewis, nom. Pastor.
25 North Granville—D. A. Fishel, Macon.
—A. C. Harris, Supernume'ry, Henderson.
26 Orange—J. R. Ball, Greensboro.
27 Randolph—D. A. Highfill, Troy's Store.
28 Rowan Mission—Frank McDowell.
29 Roanoke—T. F. McCullough, Enfield.
30 Stanley—W. H. Lewis, Albemarle.
J. S. Dunn, Supernumerary.
31 Surry Mission—A. C. Spillman, Red Plains.
32 Tar River—W. L. Harris, Whitakers.
—W. H. Wills, Sup't., Brinkleyville.
33 Winston—R. R. Hanner, Yadkin College.
34 Winston Station—T. J. Ogburn, Winston.
35 Tally Ho Mission—S. P. J. Harris. Henderson.
36 Spring Church—to supply it's own pastor.

J. L. Michaux, Editor Central Protestant, Greensboro.

S. Simpson, Professor in Western Md. College.

H. S. Proctor, transferred to unstationed list.

W. P. Martin, H. C. Fulton, R. R. Michaux, W. G. Hamilton, H. W. Peeples and R. W. Pegram, left in the hands of the President.

J. P. Simpson, Enfield, N. C.; Jas. Deans and A. J. Laughlin, Superannuated.

C. A. Pickens, Yadkin College; W. C. Hammer, Worthville, and I. I. York, High Point, left without appointment at their request.

Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

R. H. WILLS, President

J. F. HARRIS,
T. F. FERREE, } Secretaries.

F. S. HARRIS, Pub. Committee.

# *PRESIDENT'S REPORT.*

## TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

ASSEMBLED AT

## *Fair Grove, Rockingham County,*

*NOVEMBER 28TH, 1883.*

DEAR BRETHREN:

According to our custom I submit my annual report.

1. Not having been required to travel the District, the facts at hand, necessary to a full statement of the condition of the work, are meagre; you will, therefore, not expect any extended remarks.

Notwithstanding the resolution of the Conference, I have yet, whether properly or not, you must decide, visited, officially or otherwise, the following fields of labor: Tar River, Greensville, Greensboro, Cedar Falls, Guilford, Haw River, Forsythe and Mecklenburg Circuits; and Mocksville, Winston and Rowan Missions, attending six Quarterly Conferences.

As published in the church papers, the spirit of revival has pervaded, more or less, nearly all the fields of labor—some of them to a considerable extent. The reports of pastors will better represent this.

### II. CHANGES MADE DURING THE YEAR.

1. Early in the year Rev. R. R. Michaux was released from Buncombe Circuit, and Revs. Brank and Moton, local preachers, appointed to the work. The Circuit, as I learn, has enjoyed prosperity under their labors. It is hoped the Conference will look well to the interests of this Circuit and give it a proper supply.

2. In the Spring, Rev. C. F. Harris was released from the active pastorship of Surry Mission, and Rev. A. C. Spillman appointed associate pastor; Bro. Harris, however agreeing to attend the Quarterly Conferences, and as many of the protracted meetings as he could.

3. Revs. Ferree and Fishel were appointed joint pastors of Henderson Station.

4. After the removal, by death, of the pastor of La Grange Mission, I sought to secure some work from a local minister, but failed; so that field of labor has had no pastoral attention, that is known of by the Executive, since its pastor became unable to work.

### III. THE CONDITION OF THE WORK GENERALLY.

This seems to be as good as usual and pastors have labored with accustomed fidelity. This can be better learned from their reports than from this.

1. Albemarle Circuit was thought last year to be in a precarious condition. It is gratifying to record the success of the pastor, Rev. E. A. Wilson, this year. He states that two new societies have been organized, and the building of churches is contemplated. It has been reported that the pastor was popular, and we trust the outlook is now hopeful.

2. La Grange Mission. Scarcely anything is known of this field, beyond the fact that its pastor was in poor health the greater part of the time before his removal from us in October and thereby rendered unable to perform the duties of the office as the necessities demanded; and that further it demands your prompt and careful attention.

3. Greensville Circuit. There has been much dissatisfaction on this field, owing, ostensibly, to the action of Conference in taking Spring Church from it; and to what they considered the mistreatment by Conference, of its pastor and delegate.

Early in the year Bro. Russell requested me to visit the Circuit, which perhaps, I should have done, but did not till July. Before this, the Quarterly Conference resolved to sever its connection with the North Carolina Conference and its pastor asked for a certificate of withdrawal. This was declined for reasons not necessary to mention here. An attempt was made to reconcile the brethren of the Ct., and prevail on them to rescind their resolution, but without effect. It was not recognized by the Executive, however; and how the matter stands now, he is not prepared to say.

Certain charges against the pastor having been investigated, and, as published, satisfactorily adjusted, he renewed his application for a certificate; this has not yet been given, and the matter is now with you.

4. Alamance Circuit. Two years since two appointments were taken from this field and united to Randolph Circuit. From what has been reported, these have probably never been satisfied. There will probably be an application to restore them to their former place. This may be best. In such event, however, the division of that Ct., is recommended to your consideration; and some change in Randolph and adjoining fields may be demanded.

5. Cedar Falls, especially, should receive your attention; as its size and peculiar location, will probably call for some change in its boundaries.

6. Mocksville Mission. This was so recognized by the last Conference. It was reduced to a very low condition; but through the labors of Bro. S. W. Coe, it has improved very much, has been blessed with considerable revival, and promises, if properly cared for, to continue to grow. Good Methodist Protestant material is to be found here, and we recommend the Mission to be favorably considered.

7. Rowan Mission. Your Executive is at a loss to know what report to make of this work. A considerable amount of missionary money has been expended here, and yet it is a small and poor field, and there seems to be slight hope of any considerable development for some time to come. The pastor has received a very small sum as salary. If what has been reported be true a judicial investigation of some matters should be instituted; it is therefore recommended that the minister who may be appointed to it for the ensuing year, be instructed to pursue at once the disciplinary course, and investigate the troubles or that the President be required to look into them.

8. Winston Circuit. Some mention has been made of cutting off Union Ridge from this Circuit, and making it the basis of a mission. Whether this will be proper the Conference can best judge. However, there is a prospect, I learn, of building a church at Old Muddy Creek, and it may be proper to take this into consideration in view, in part, of supplying this.

So far as remembered, those fields of labor requiring special mention have been referred to, and in the absence of more extended and satisfactory information, it is not deemed necessary to name others New churches have been built,—begun, or completed,—and old ones repaired, but to what extent is not known to me.

### IV. LITERARY INTERESTS.

Of these, those requiring your special attention are Yadkin College and the "Central Protestant"

1. Yadkin College. No more important or vital interest will claim your attention this session than Yadkin College. It has reached a point at which Conference must do more than ever before, or it is useless to do anything. Extended remarks here are not necessary, suffice to say it is recommended that an hour on an early day, (say Thursday) be fixed and designated for the proper consideration of this interest; and more than an hour must be given. It will not do to hurry through it, but time and pains are demanded for its proper adjustment , and I must, as your servant, insist on these being given.

2. The Central Protestant. I will leave this for the Publishing Committee, who will make their report in due time. This, however, like the College, demands your careful consideration, and it is recommended that an early day be set apart to attend to this interest also.

3. Shiloh Academy. This property has been transferred, or rather offered to the Conference, on certain conditions: the most important of which is that the church keep a school there. It is understood that the deed has been written, but is still in the hands of the donor; the church not having complied, according to his understanding, with the conditions. It may be well to inquire into the matter, and Conference would better give it due consideration.

4. It is deemed necessary to say only with reference to other literary interests, viz: the "Methodist Protestant," the "Methodist Recorder," the "Methodist Protestant Missionary," and the Sunday School papers, they are too well known to need any word of commendation from me; and that it is desirable to place one or both of the two former, and the Missionary in our families, and the Sunday Schools, papers in our SundaySchools cannot, for a moment, be questioned.

### V. FINANCE.

This important, and yet trite subject is referred to, merely to call the attention of Conference to one particular.

Some years ago Conference passed a resolution, recommending the Quarterly Conference to adopt the plan of assessing members of the church individually to raise the salary of the preachers. Some of the Quarterly Conferences pursued this course; it may be others did not. At all events the plan is not universally followed now. It is suggested that all fields of labor be required to pursue this course. It may work with friction at first, but it seems to be the most feasible method to settle this vexed question.

### VI. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are two serious difficulties connected with these. One is the habit of closing for the winter, even when the houses are comfortable; the other that of suspending in the time of protracted meetings, by which, in part, large unwieldy congregations are gathered on Sunday, while the Sunday School interest suffers. We should doubtless endeavor to counteract this influence and, as far as possible, prevail on teachers to sacrifice so far as necessary, to meet the demand, and continue the school during the year.

### VII. CHURCH REGISTERS.

So far as limited observation serves, these are badly kept. On one an entry had not been made for years. As it is ordered that pastor's class books shall be brought to Conference for inspection, if Registers are deemed of any importance, it might be well to make the same order with regard to them. And while referring to these it may be well to decide, or ask the General Conference to explain, what is meant by Church Register; whether all baptisms, are to be recorded or only the baptism of infants; and whether or not the names of males over 21 years of age are to be registered.

VIII.

A habit prevails with us of leaving fields of labor without pastors, and preachers without work, at Conference. Both are detrimental and to be avoided; and perhaps, if properly managed, need scarcely ever be done.

IX.

Altogether no more important session of Conference has been held for years than this will be. There are some serious difficulties among us, and hindrances to successful progress, to remove which becomes our manifest duty, if it can be done. Let the Conferenee prayerfully and solemnly address itself to the work before it. Nothing should be done hurriedly, and yet, in view of the amount of work before you, it will be necessary to economize time, and waste none in needless debate. Let us deliberate in the sight of God and act as they that must give account.

X. RESOLUTIONS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The last General Conference adopted the preamble and resolutions herewith submitted, recommending them for adoption by the Annual Conference; and making it the "duty of each President to lay said recommendation before his Conference." In accordance with this requirement therefore they are now laid before you for consideration. Of course you will respectfully consider and act upon them. giving your approval or disapproval to a convention and the changes suggested to be made.

II. REV. JOHN PARIS D. D.

On the 6th October, 1883, this noble man and beloved brother was called from labor to reward. A man of sterling integrity, of unswerving devotion to principle; ardently loving, and earnestly contending for the truth, while making warm friends, he did not always avoid incurring enmity. as indeed no true man need expect to do Always ready to stand in front, never yielding until convinced, he was ever among the leaders of the church, and never refused to fight its battles. But we shall see his face and hear his voice no more. After, for many years, faithfully contending for the truth, at the advanced age of 74, he was called to the victor's reward. Of whom can it be more truthfully said, "he has fought a good fight, he has kept the faith"?

May we imitate his virtues; and while deprived of his presence and labors, may the memory of his manly christian character, inspire us to press forward, until we, too shall, through Grace, gain the victory!

Hoping you will excuse this brief report, and praying the Divine blessing upon you and your deliberations, I beg leave to subscribe myself your servant and fellow-laborer in the gospel,

R. H. WILLS.

November 1883.

# ELECTION LAW.

The Third Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall nominate double the number of Laymen the field of labor may be entitled to as delegates to the Annual Conference; the pastor shall announce from each pulpit the names of the nominees, and appoint a day—which shall be that on which his appointment shall fall at each church—for taking the vote by ballot for the number to which the charge may be entitled; the ballots cast by male members over the age of 21 years, to be received by the class leader or steward, under the supervision of the pastor, and returned in envelopes to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be opened and counted as may be directed by that body, the nominee or nominees receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared duly elected, and certificates given accordingly.

# RULES OF ORDER.

## FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE M. P. CHURCH.

REVISED AND ADOPTED.

1. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference adjourned and call the Conference to order.

2. Each morning session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Scripture, and prayer, under the direction of the President.

3. At the meeting of each daily session, the Secretary shall read the minutes of the preceding day and the Conference correct and prepare them for registration.

4. It shall be the duty of the Chair, or the privilege of a member to call any brother to order who may indulge in personal reflections or irrelevant debate.

5. The Chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once.

6. All committees shall be appointed by the Chair unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

7. The President may participate in debate, by calling a member to the chair.

8. The President shall vote on no question except in case of a tie.

9. The President shall rise from the chair in putting all questions to the Conference.

10. No member shall speak on any question, without rising from his seat, and respectfully addressing the Chair as "Mr President."

11. No member shall be permitted to speak more than once on any question, except by permission of the Conference.

12. No person shall pass between the Chair and a member while speaking; nor interrupt him except by permission to explain.

13. Members shall not converse together in a tone sufficiently loud to disturb the Conference.

14. Members shall retain their seats, unless rising to speak or for the purpose of retiring.

15. Members are required to vote in all cases, except excused therefrom by the Conference.

16. No motion shall be debated or entertained, until the same shall be seconded.

17. All motions and resolutions made and seconded, shall be open for debate, except the previous questions, the motion to adjourn and to lay on the table, which questions shall be decided without debate.

18. All amendments shall be disposed of before the vote is taken on the main question.

19. The previous question shall be sustained by a majority of the members, without debate, and the effect of which shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Conference to a direct vote; first on amendments, if any, and then on the main question.

20. All questions of order arising after the previous question has been called for, shall be decided without debate.

21. The decision of all questions shall be by Aye or No. The Yeas and Nays shall be recorded on the Journal by the call of one-fifth of the members present.

22. All motions, resolutions, or amendments shall be reduced to writing, if required by the President or any member.

23. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, except made by a member who voted with the majority, and on the same or the succeeding day.

24. No motion or resolution indefinitely postponed shall be called up again during the session.

25. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

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The Fifty-ninth Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at Hickory Grove Church, Randolph Circuit, November 26th, 1884, Rev. R. H. WILLS, the President, in the chair.

The Conference was opened by reading from the Holy Scriptures, singing and prayer by the President.

Rev. E. A. WILSON was elected Secretary and Rev. T. T. FERREE, Assistant Secretary.

The roll being called, the following clerical members answered to their names: R. H. Wills, A. C. Harris, R. W. Pegram, E. A. Wilson, R. R. Hanner, *A. C. Spillman*, G. E. Hunt, S. P. J. Harris, *W. L. Harris*, W. C. Kennett, T. T. Ferree, W. W. Amick, M. E. Hammer, I. I. York and *W. F. Kennett*.

The certificates of A. E. Carter, J. H. Crew and J. M. Lindley, lay representatives, were recognized by the Conference.

The Rules of Order of the preceding session were read and adopted for the government of this body.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the third row of pews from the stove.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 11 for religious services; meet again at 1 P. M. and adjourn at will.

The certificate of T. E. Lyndon, delegate from High Point, Circuit, was received.

On motion of Rev. G. E. HUNT, the Conference adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference re-assembled at the appointed hour, President WILLS in the chair.

Revs. G. W. BOWMAN and I. I. YORK were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The roll being called, the following additional ministers answered to their names: Revs. G. W. Bowman, J. E. Hartsell, L. M. Nolen, C. F. Harris, J. C. Deans, J. W. Heath, J. H. Moton, S. W. Coe, D. A. Highfill, T. F. McCullough, R. R. Hanner, T. J. Ogburn, H. W. Peeples.

On motion of Rev. T. T. FERREE, the Secretary was appointed to publish the JOURNAL of the Conference, and, on motion of Rev. A. C. HARRIS, the sum of $10 was allowed the Secretary for this service.

Rev. A. C. HARRIS was requested to prepare written blanks of examination of ministerial character for the use of the preachers at this session.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

*On Fraternal Relations:* Revs. C. F. HARRIS, T. F. McCOLLOUGH, and J. R. Dwiggins.

*Itinerancy Orders:* Revs. T. F. McCULLOUGH, T. J. OGBURN, J. R. BALL, J. L. MICHAUX, A. W. LINEBERRY, W. C. KENNETT, and W. W. Rankin, W. C. Whitaker.

*Boundaries:* Revs. G. W. BOWMAN, W. C. KENNETT, W. C. HAMMER, and J. H. Coble, J. M. Lindley, A. E. Carter, O. R. Cox.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following brethren as having proper certificates, and entitled to seats: R. T. Pickens, Isaac Mooney, H. C. Coble, D. W. Hardee, J. P. M. Pickett, I. N. Hunt, N. A. Stonestreet, N. T. Hyatt, W. W. Rankin, J. Renn, J. R. Dwiggins, W. C. Whitaker, S. E. Rogers, W. H. Hart, E. H. Bradley, A. R. Hunter, J. W. Guyer.

Rev. J. W. HEATH was appointed to receive the moneys collected for Missions.

W. W. Rankin was appointed to receive the money collected for Ministerial Education.

Rev. S. W. COE was appointed to receive the money collected for Colleges.

Rev. J. M. GARRETT was appointed to receive the money collected for Westminster Theological Seminary.

Rev. T. J. OGBURN was appointed to receive the money collected for the purpose of finishing Yadkin College.

Rev. C. H. WILLIAMS, Treasurer of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and Rev. T. H. LEWIS, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, were introduced to the Conference and invited to seats within the bar.

*On motion*, Friday, at 1 o'clock P. M. was fixed as the hour for these brethren to present the several interests represented by them before the Conference.

Revs. D. A. HIGHFILL, W. W. AMICK and J. P. M. PICKETT were appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises.

*On motion* of Rev. T. J. OGBURN, the Conference proceeded to select the place of holding the next session. Yadkin College was chosen as the place.

Rev. J. N. GARRETT offered a motion that the next session be held on Wednesday before the first Sunday in December, 1885.

Rev. C. F. HARRIS moved to amend so as to meet on Wednesday before the first Sunday in April.

Rev. W. C. KENNETT moved an amendment to meet on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in November. Carried. On further motion, 11 o'clock A. M. was fixed as the hour of meeting.

*On motion* of Rev. T. J. OGBURN, the Conference proceeded to the election of the Standing District Committee.

Revs. W. W. AMICK, T. J. OGBURN, J. L. GILES, Zimri Hinshaw, J. C. Roberts, J. L. Ogburn, were elected.

Revs. A. W. LINEBERRY and R. R. MICHAUX appeared and took their seats.

A communication from Rev. J. H. TOTTEN was received and read, also his official and Statistical Reports, after which his character passed.

After the announcement of the homes for the members of Conference by the local pastor, the Conference adjourned with prayer, led by Dr. LINEBERRY.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, November 27th.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, the PRESIDENT in the chair, and was opened with religious service, conducted by Rev. J. C. DEANS.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and adopted.

*On motion* of Rev. A. C. HARRIS, the Conference went into the examination of Ministerial Character, whereupon the PRESIDENT read his report and his character was passed. The roll of pastors' names was then called in regular order and the character of the following ministers passed: E. A. Wilson, G. W. Bowman, W. C. Kennett, W. E. Swain, J. E. Hartsell, L. M. Nolen, A. W. Lineberry, J. H. Totten, C. F. Harris, W. W. Amick, H. Lewellen, J. C. Deans, and T. T. Ferree.

The further consideration of the examination was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT's Report was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. GEO. E. HUNT, S. P. J. HARRIS, and J. W. Guyer.

The President announced the other Standing Committees, as follows:

*On Colleges:* Revs. J. C. DEANS, W. H. LEWIS, W. L. HARRIS, R. T. Pickens, W. C. Whitaker.

*On Temperance:* Revs. J. W. HEATH, R. R. HANNER, I. N. Hunt.

*On Literature:* Revs. A. C. HARRIS, A. W. LINEBERRY, R. R. MICHAUX.

*On Missions:* Revs. C. F. HARRIS, J. E. HARTSELL, S. W. COE, John Snotherly, D. W. Hartis.

*On Finance:* John Surratt, W. W. Rankin, W. H. Hart, A. R. Hunter, E. H. Bradley.

*On Unfinished Business:* Rev. H. W. PEEPLES.

*On Statistics:* Revs. J. N. Garrett, W. F. Kennett.

*To Examine Circuit Registers:* Rev. W. E. SWAIN, D. W. Hartis, T. E. Linden.

Rev. T. J. OGBURN was added to the Committee on Missions.

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference adjourned for religious service, and was highly and profitably entertained by an appropriate Thanksgiving sermon by Rev. T. H. LEWIS, of Westminster Theological Seminary.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT.

*To the North Carolina Conference, in Conference assembled:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—It has been my good fortune to visit, during the year, all the charges in the District, except Tally Ho Mission; and on many of them preached at all the churches. I have reason to be thankful that the Lord has given me strength for the work. Have failed to reach but few appointments from any cause—perhaps not more than four. My work, such as it is, is done, and is now for your inspection.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

The following changes have occurred since Conference:

1. Some time after Conference Rev. W. H. Wills, D. D., accepted of the pastorate of LaGrange Mission. According to his strength and beyond it, he labored faithfully till September 19th, when his work was cut short by a stroke of paralysis, from which he has not recovered. Since then your Executive is not aware that any pastoral work has been rendered the Mission.

Even while serving it, the pastor's strength was not equal to the task, hence one appointment of apparent promise was served but little. Care should be taken in supplying this charge, or it will materially suffer, if not become extinct.

2. In March the pastor of Henderson Station left it and applied for a release. This was declined, and efforts made to induce him to return, but without avail. The church has been served since by Rev. S. P. J. Harris, assisted for about three months by Rev. W. C. Rymer, of West Virginia, and a student of Westminster Theological Seminary.

3. In February the associate pastor left his work on Monroe Circuit, and asked to be released. After some length of time his request was granted, and Rev. H. D. Gannon, an unstationed preacher of that Circuit, employed, who has served earnestly and with some success. This circuit is in no flattering condition. However, as elsewhere, there is good material here, and it is to be hoped it will yet improve. The associate pastor's report will show a falling off financially.

Bro. Lewis, the pastor, has given the work some attention, and the ordinances have been administered to some extent.

4. Spring Church was left to select its own pastor. Rev. J. P. Simpson was chosen, who served for a time, but whose health failing, Rev. O. Ryder was appointed, who has served it, in connection with Littleton Circuit. I learn he has been faithful and acceptable and, at his request, a certificate of good standing was recently granted him.

5. Greenville Circuit last year sent no delegate to Conference, having resolved to sever its connection with this Conference. It was left unsupplied. On visiting it in the spring, it was ascertained that they had employed Rev. J. S. Russell to serve them. Subsequently it was united to the Virginia District by the General Conference, but whether that arrangement is satisfactory or not, your Executive cannot now say. If so, it will be proper to attach Spring Church, probably, to Littleton Circuit.

Rev. J. L. Russell has asked for, and received, a certificate.

6. Cedar Falls was left by the Conference "To be supplied." Rev. C. A. Pickens, left without an appointment at his request, consented to take the charge. He has served it well, and it is thought the work has received but little permanent injury from its troubles. I am not informed as to the improvement it has made.

7. The case of Rev. J. H. Gilbreath, whose character failed to pass the Conference because of errors in faith and teaching on the subject of water-baptism, was judicially investigated on 20th December, 1883, by a committee composed of Revs. A. W. Lineberry, D. D., J. W. Heath, G. W. Bowman, J. C. Deans and S. W. Coe; and he was expelled the Ministry.

GENERAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT.

The general condition of the work does not indicate that degree of prosperity that is so highly desirable. There are some things that hinder the advancement that should be made, especially in some localities; and yet, to take a favorable view, and make as encouraging report as possible, it is gratifying to be able to state that there are some indications of improvement. The spirit of church-building was probably never more prevalent, and while it is feared that our work has, in the past few years, retrograded to some extent in some sections, in others it has improved, and, altogether, we trust we are in a somewhat advanced condition.

SPECIAL REFERENCE.

1. Rev. M. E. Hanner, Pastor of High Point Circuit, held a meeting at Haw River Station, resulting in many professions of faith. There is now a church of about seventy members, and, I learn, the building of a house of worship is contemplated. This appointment should be cared for by attaching it to some adjacent Circuit or otherwise.

2. A new church has been built at Altemahaw Factory, or near by, which has been served by the Pastor of Haw River Circuit, who held a meeting and organized a church. The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Haw River Circuit recognized it as a part of that charge. Yet it may be well to consider the propriety of forming a Mission of this and the appointment at Haw River Station.

3. A Church has been organized by Rev. C. F. Harris, D. D., at Kernersville, and the building of a house of worship is contemplated. This should be taken in the plan of some adjacent charge for pastoral oversight, although, for the want of a house, they will expect very little preaching for a time.

4. *Alamance Circuit.*—For years this field has been much too large. When visiting it, efforts were made by the Executive to induce the members to at least *consider* the propriety of dividing it. Two Circuits might be made of this that would soon become strong. It is difficult to develope the strength of a large Circuit, and there is so much excuse for neglecting duty that many members will do but little and be dwarfish in Christian character.

5. *Caldwell Mission.*—According to my observation, this work is not prosperous, and, for a time, has made little or no advancement. Some seem to think it has elements and resources which might be utilized, and it may be worth while to supply it with as much care as possible.

6. *Rowan Mission.*—From the information received, there seems to be little or no improvement on this charge, and a letter from the delegate states the wish of the Quarterly Conference to be that Fairfield, on the Catawba Circuit, Rockwell and Bethel, on the Mecklenburg Circuit, and Vanderburg and Pisgah, on the Rowan, be formed into a Circuit. Or, if this cannot be done, they ask to be attached to Mecklenburg or Catawba Circuit. Which of these plans is the best, or whether either is desirable, I am not able to say. It seems necessary to make a change some way, if we would save this work. The Vander-

burg appointment, as a number of the Conference know, has a pretty good house, and it does appear that it ought to be a church of some value.

7. *Mocksville Mission* has prospered for the past two years. One new church will be built soon, and it may be proper to change its standing from a Mission to that of a Circuit. The Committee on Boundaries would do well to examine into this. By reference to Conference Steward's report and statistics of 1883 it will be seen that Mocksville pays much more *per capita* than many fields considered much stronger.

8. A letter from the President of the South Carolina Conference asks for a preacher for Marlboro Circuit and perhaps Chesterfield. The matter may be referred to a special committee or the standing committee.

9. *Tally Ho Mission.*—I did ,not visit this and do not know its status, or whether there is an opening for a work of importance or not. The Committee on Boundaries should consider its claims to recognition among the charges of this Conference and define it accordingly.

10. *Church Property.*—Parsonages have been built on Granville and Ivey Circuits.

New houses of worship have been built, are in course of erection, or have been completed on Buncombe, Mocksville, Davidson, Guilford, Littleton, Randolph, Forsyth, Albemarle, and perhaps Halifax and Tar River should be included. Also, one on Granville Circuit last year. So that the value of church property has increased considerably within a few years.

To Davidson Circuit, however, and Dr. Lineberry belong the palm for work in this direction. At least four houses have been built there recently, or are being built, while others are in contemplation.

And why may we all not imitate this example? Many of the structures, called churches, are almost a shame to us. Poor, unsightly buildings, costing and worth but a few dollars, sometimes in out-of-the-way places, constitute our church property and places of worship in some localities, forming sometimes a striking contrast to those of other denominations, near by. These things ought not so to be, and it may be hoped will not long exist.

"A good church at every appointment" might be an appropriate motto for the next year. This should be on our own ground, with a *bona fide* title to the Methodist Protestant Church. No union or free churches, none with doubtful titles, or built by joint stock companies. The improvement in this regard is truly gratifying. Let the good work go on.

11. West of the mountains, Methodist Protestantism perhaps never had a more favorable outlook than now. An increased interest in houses of worship and support of the pastor are among the favorable signs. A vast missionary field seems open here, had we the means to occupy it.

12. *Deep River Conference.*—Conferring with Rev. R. R. Brookshier, I learned he wished this Conference to take some steps by which a union could be effected. The plan proposed by him was to divide the Conference, when the Deep River Conference could affiliate with the Western Division. That Conference met in Marion last week, and it may be they will send some communication to this. If anything could be done it would be well, but I have no suggestion to make.

### FINANCIAL INTERESTS.

The meagreness of salaries paid to pastors is a cause of dissatisfaction and discouragement. The statistics of 1883 show an average of about $275—a little more than half what we ought to pay, as indicative of interest and prosperity. It may not be desirable that our preachers should receive large salaries, or even as much as some others; but "the Lord hath ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel," and "the workman is worthy of his meat."

A fair compensation, that is, a reasonable support, should be received by those "who minister at the altar," and should be received of the altar.

The result of a lack of this is inferior work and too little of it. No man can farm or perform other secular work and preach as well, or do as much good as if relieved of this necessity and enabled to say: "This one thing I do." The minister, above all other men, should be a man of one work and of one book. He has need to give himself "to the ministry of the Word and prayer." He cannot possibly answer the demands of the Church in any other way. The Circuits promise only a small sum, the preacher feels that something must be done to supplement this amount. He goes to work, plowing and sowing, neglecting the pulpit preparation, neglecting pastoral visitation and the various interests committed to him. The Church, in turn, or many of its members, neglect their duty, fail to pay anything, and thus the small amount promised is not realized. A remedy is needed. Who can discover it? Can the Committee on Finance?

Meanwhile I offer a few suggestions:

1. Let the preacher demand more, so that he can devote his time to the work.

2. Let him not only "study" that he may be approved, but, as far as possible, "give himself wholly" to the great work, taking all needful oversight of the flock of God, for whose souls he watches, by visiting from house to house.

3. Let the pastor and those members of the church who are interested in the matter, and but for whom the cause would be lost (and there are many such faithful souls), see that an equitable individual assessment be made at all the churches, and the Stewards held accountable for the discharge of their duty. There can be no reason for any member enjoying the privilege of the Church without bearing its burdens, excepting in case of inability, and of this a judicious committee, with the Steward, can judge.

This plan faithfully followed, would likely result in good. If any one can suggest a better, we will gladly hear it.

### MISSIONARY INTERESTS.

1. *Conference Missions.*—These should not be neglected. The establishment of the Methodist Protestant Church, with its principles of self-government and consequent development of Christian character in those portions of the District which are yet unoccupied and where there are openings, is very desirable, hence the missionary work should be earnestly pushed forward. And yet fields should be selected with care and wisely supplied. When a church is organized the foundation should be well laid of good material, or the superstructure may prove worthless. Perhaps in some instances mistakes have been made in this regard.

2. *Home and Foreign Missions.*—The Methodist Protestant Church, we rejoice to learn (as is supposed), has five missionaries in the foreign field, an elegant "Home" with only a small debt upon it, and is calling for money for this latter object—to pay this small debt, and to support its missionaries and its work generally.

As to the debt, a minimum sum from the churches would pay it, and who would not wish, if the matter were presented, to put at least one "brick" into that foundation of Methodist Protestant Missions?

The Missionary Board has, heretofore, asked the Conference for the small sum of 10 cents *per capita* for its Home and Foreign work. It seems that the work and demands have so far increased, that at the last meeting they decided to ask for 25 cents *per capita*, and accordingly, with the authority conferred upon them by the Church, have made an assessment upon our Conference of $3,097.50. The attention of the Committee on Missions and also that of the Conference is called to this subject.

Few, if any, interests of the Church are paramount to that of Missions. Christianity is essentially missionary in its spirit, and must, of necessity, be aggressive in its operations. The Church is one great missionary society, and really it seems there ought to be no need for any other. But unfortunately too many of its members are do-nothings; and indeed, with all its rules, the Church itself, it is to be feared, is too unsystcmatic to carry on its great work properly and successfully without missionary societies. Jesus Christ was "sent" into the world by the Father to save it, and was therefore a missionary—indeed, the first one—whom all are to imitate. Stop the missionary operations of the Church and at once it ceases to be aggressive. Stay its aggressiveness and the very life of the Church is destroyed. "Go" is the divine command. "Go preach," but "how can they preach except they be sent?"—Rom., 10. And who is to send but those who have received? The Church seems yet half asleep on this vital interest, and especially our own Methodist Protestant Church is more than half—almost wholly. Three cents per member will about cover our former contributions to the work of bringing the world to love and honor that Saviour we love and preach. May the Lord arouse us to the magnitude, the importance, the essentiality of this great work.

LITERARY INTERESTS.

1. *Ministerial Education.*—While the Methodist Protestant Church never has required—perhaps never will require—a classical education as an indispensable qualification for the Ministry, yet there is a commendable disposition to insist on some literary preparation on the part of its young men before entering the important and difficult work of taking the pastoral oversight of the flock of Christ. In this day of abundance of educational resources so cheaply furnished by the many institutions in the land, together with the assistance afforded by the Educational Fund, there can be no adequate reason for a young man's entering the Ministry without some literary qualification, if he has piety, brains and industry enough to make a preacher at all. But, in addition to this, the Church needs trained minds. This Conference needs some young men, at

least, with a classical education, fitted for work which no others can perform—men who know how to think, and who will be pillars in the great cause for which we labor.

2. *The Hymn Book.*—The attention of the Conference is called to this. Perhaps it is generally understood that the "Tribute of Praise" does not quite meet the wishes and, perhaps the wants, of our people; yet, being the Hymn Book of the denomination, as adopted by the highest authority known in the Methodist Protestant Church, for the sake of consistency, uniformity and harmony, it ought to be introduced as speedily and extensively as possible. If the publishers could be induced to publish an edition with character notes, it would greatly facilitate the soul in this country.

3. *Colleges.*—While commending the Western Maryland and Adrian Colleges, and the Theological Seminary at Westminster, to the patronage of our people, we are, at this time, especially concerned for YADKIN COLLEGE. This is possibly the most important interest for the consideration of this Conference. Two things are especially necessary, viz.: 1st. To devise ways and means for paying the remainder of the debt and for finishing and furnishing the College, and 2d. For filling its halls with students. The second part of the first item, viz.: to finish and furnish it, is at this time of vital consequence. Its President, Rev. W. A. Rogers, A. M., M. D., assures us that with this done he will ask nothing to guarantee success; but without it, he cannot do so. The former President, Rev. S. Simpson, A. M., would not agree to remain while in an unfinished state. I cannot do better than to quote Dr. Rogers' own language: "What constitutes a College? Not a fine, large building; not a charter only, conferring certain powers and privileges; not a Board of Trustees, who shall have supervision over all its interests; but specially a curriculum of studies, embracing all the necessary branches of literature, science and art, and a Faculty capable of thorough instruction in them, and aided by all the necessary appliances, such as philosophical, chemical and astronomical apparatus—maps, charts, globes, musical instruments, &c. * * * * *All* these we *must* have, if we would build up an institution worthy to be called a College, a credit to the Church to which it belongs. The President, let him be ever so learned, diligent and laborious, and aided by ever so able and competent a Faculty, can never raise the College to a level with other institutions that are furnished with all the necessary appliances. For the thorough instruction *in*, and the thorough understanding OF, two-thirds of the branches of learning which are usually pursued in regular Colleges, the above-mentioned aids and appliances are indispensably necessary. Intelligent patrons, who desire a complete education for their sons and daughters, will not send them to, or continue them in, Yadkin College when they learn that it is not supplied with all the essentials of a first-class College. It costs but little more to send a pupil to a first-class College than to one that is a College in *name* only. The dignity, importance, intelligence, success and usefulness of the Methodist Protestant Church in the State of North Carolina demand that it should have at least one institution where their sons and daughters, and others, can receive a finished education. Sanctified learning is the handmaid of religion and an ally of the Church of Christ. No Church can come abreast with the times, meet the responsibilities of the age, or occupy a wide field of usefulness, with-

out her sons and daughters being 'thoroughly finished unto every good word and work.' Yadkin College is destined either to rise higher and go forward, or to languish and die. Its present *status* cannot be maintained. It *must* and *will* advance or retrograde; it *must* and *will* live a higher life, or droop and sink into a deserved obscurity. No man who values his reputation and usefulness can, or will, link his fortune with it longer than he becomes assured that those most interested in its prosperity, success and usefulness, will not come up to the help of the College and furnish him and his aids the means to place it side by side with the various Colleges in the land."

These are emphatic, earnest, plain words, by our newly-elected President, and deserve the careful, prayerful and earnest consideration of the Conference.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school may be said, with emphasis, to be the nursery of the Church. The neglect of this vital interest is extremely detrimental. Give us the children, it may well be said, and the adults will soon be ours. Yet it is to be regretted that far too little importance is attached, or care given, to them. Would that something could awaken an interest, and inspire us with a just sense of the worth of this means of usefulness.

It is highly recommended that our own literature be used; and now that it has been improved, as some think, by the addition of music, we hope our pastors will discourage the purchase of other papers, and encourage and insist on the use of our own. Rev. J. F. Cowan has recently become the Editor of this literature, and devoting his time to it, will doubtless make it yet more worthy of your patronage.

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Praying that God's blessing may rest on those present, do not forget the absent brethren, but pray earnestly for them. One day we will fail to answer the roll-call, and then, if yet lingering, 'twill be sweet to know that sincere and fervent prayers go up for us day by day, by those who assemble in the places we once occupied.

And may "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Amen.

R. H. WILLS, *President.*

November, 1884.

☞ Part of this report never reached the Secretary.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 1 o'clock P. M., President WILLS in the chair.

Revs. W. H. LEWIS and J. L. MICHAUX appeared and took seats.

The examination of ministerial character was resumed.

Revs. George E. Hunt, M. E. Hammer, J. W. Heath, J. H. Moton, S. W. Coe, J. N. Garrett, D. A. Fishel, A. C. Harris, D. A. Highfill, W. F. McDowell, T. F. McCullough, W. H. Lewis, J. S. Dunn, A. C. Spillman, W. L. Harris, R. R. Hanner, S. P. J. Harris, J. L. Michaux, S. Simpson, W. P. Martin, R. R. Michaux, W. G. Hamilton, H. W. Peeples, R. W. Pegram, J. P. Simpson, James Deans, A. J. Laughlin, W. C. Hammer, I. I. York.

A communication from Rev. W. H. WILLS to the Conference was read, in which he gave expression of his affectionate regard for his brethren and his readiness to answer to the great roll-call which he feels near at hand. Feeling remarks were made by Rev. A. C. HARRIS, reciprocal of Dr. WILLS' Christian remembrance of us in the time of his great affliction, and the Conference joined in prayer, led by Rev. J. L. MICHAUX, that God may be very merciful to this aged veteran and his family in this sore trial.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we view with gratulation the appointment of this 27th day of November by the Chief Magistrate of the United States, and by the Chief Magistrate of North Carolina, as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, Ruler of Nations, and as the author of the bounties so freely bestowed upon us.

C. F. HARRIS,
S. P. J. HARRIS.

The Committee on Credentials reported to the Conference properly authenticated certificates from John G. Surratt, A. W. Cavness and J. W. Barrett.

*On motion* of Rev. A. C. HARRIS, the Board of the Superannuated Fund Society were requested to pay to Revs. JAMES DEANS and A. J. LOUGHLIN fifty dollars each out of said fund.

*On motion*, the Conference adjourned. Prayer by Rev. I. I. YORK.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, November 28th.

The Conference met at 8:40 o'clock A. M., President WILLS in the chair, and was opened with religious service, conducted by Rev. W. C. KENNETT.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and adopted.

A communication from Rev. D. H. ALBRIGHT, Fraternal Messenger from the Christian Church, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A communication from the President of the South Carolina Conference, asking for two preachers, was read and referred to the Stationing Committee. Also letters from J. L. Howell, delegate from Albemarle Circuit; Samuel R. Hilliard, alternate delegate from Tar River Circuit, and from Rev. A. J. LOUGHLIN, a superannuate of this Conference, were read and referred to the same committee.

Rev. J. C. DEANS moved that the PRESIDENT station the preachers this year. After some debate, Rev. D. A. HIGHFILL called for the previous question. Carried. The original question was then put and lost.

Rev. G. E. HUNT, from the Committee on the PRESIDENT'S Report, submitted their report, which was adopted:

Your committee, having carefully examined the President's Report, beg leave to say that we are highly gratified at the kind, Christian spirit manifested in said report.

We recommend the reference of the following items of said report to the following committees:

1. Item 5th to the Committee on Boundaries. Also item 1st, page 4, item 2d, page 5, item 3d, page 5, item 5th, page 6.

2. To the Stationing Committee we refer item 7th, page 7.

3. To the Committee on Finance, items 1st, 2d and 3d, and all on pages 9 and 10.

We heartily recommend to the brethren of the whole Church in North Carolina the prayerful consideration of every item of said report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. HUNT,
S. P. J. HARRIS,
J. W. GUYER.

Revs. T. F. McCULLOUGH and W. F. KENNETT were appointed Conference Stewards.

Rev. W. F. KENNETT moved that the PRESIDENT and two other ministers, and two laymen, constitute the Stationing Committee. Lost.

Bro. KENNETT then moved that the Stationing Committee be composed of one layman from each pastoral charge, with the PRESIDENT added, and one-half of one day be set apart for the meeting of that committee. Adopted.

The hour for religious services having arrived, the Conference adjourned to hear the *Conference sermon* by Rev. T. J. OGBURN.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at the appointed hour, Rev. C. F. HARRIS in the chair.

Rev. ISHAM COX, of the Society of Friends, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

The Committee on Credentials presented the certificates of O. R. Cox, delegate from Cedar Falls Circuit, and D. C. Murchison, delegate from LaGrange Mission.

Rev. C. F. HARRIS moved to waive the order of the day for a few minutes. Lost.

Rev. F. M. TOTTEN appeared and took his seat.

Rev. C. H. WILLIAMS, Treasurer of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, addressed the Conference at length in that interest.

Rev. T. H. LEWIS, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, presented the claims of that institution, and also our general literary and publishing interests, after which Revs. E. A. WILSON and T. T. FERREE offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Conference raise, during the coming year, the sum of one hundred dollars for Westminster Theological Seminary.

A collection was then lifted for the Seminary, and sixteen dollars secured.

The following paper was presented, and Rev. J. C. DEANS moved that the young brother be recommended to that board:

We, the members of the Quarterly Conference of Roanoke Circuit, at its third session, do unanimously recommend Brother Clifton L. Whitaker to the Annual Conference, North Carolina District, as a suitable person to be adopted as a beneficiary by the Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church.

T. F. McCULLOUGH, *Chairman.*

W. C. WHITAKER, *Secretary.*

On motion, it was ordered to lie on the table.

The Conference then adjourned, with prayer by Rev. C. F. HARRIS.

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## FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 29th.

The Conference met at 8:30 o'clock A. M., President WILLS in the chair, and was opened with religious service of half an hour, conducted by Rev. R. W. PEGRAM.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and adopted.

Rev. J. N. GARRETT, from the committee to receive collections for the Theological Seminary, reported, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee to receive the collections for the Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, beg leave to make the following report:

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| From Buncombe Circuit, W. F. Kennett, | $ 1 00 |
| " Roanoke Circuit, T. F. McCullough, | 4 15 |
| " Tar River Circuit, W. L. Harris, | 1 31 |
| " Mocksville Mission, S. W. Coe, | 5 00 |
| " Mecklenburg Circuit, J. N. Garrett, | 1 73 |
| " Winston Mission, T. J. Ogburn, | 2 00 |
| " W. E. Swain, | 1 00 |
| Public collection, | 16 00 |
| Total, | $ 32 19 |

J. N. GARRETT, *Committee.*

The following resolution was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That wherever there is a parsonage belonging to a Circuit in the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, that the pastor of said Circuit is justly and legally entitled to said property, either to live in it or to rent it to other responsible parties, as he may choose, and that he is entitled to all the rents arising therefrom.

GEORGE E. HUNT,
S. P. J. HARRIS.

On motion of Rev. D. A. HIGHFILL, Rev. S. W. COE was appointed to collect funds to publish 500 copies of the Journal.

On motion of Rev. S. P. J. HARRIS, the Conference went into the election of President. Rev. R. H. WILLS was re-elected.

The Conference then adjourned for preaching by Rev. C. H. WILLIAMS.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference assembled at 1 P. M., President WILLS in the chair.

Revs. J. R. BALL and W. C. HAMMER appeared and took seats.

J. B. Vaughn presented his certificate as delegate from Winston Station.

The following paper was read, discussed and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders be constituted a permanent committee, to act from year to year (all vacancies occurring therein to be filled by the Conference), and to be known as the Board of Examination, and whose duty it shall be to examine all candidates for Itinerancy and Orders, as follows: Beginning the examination of each candidate with the preparatory course, page 167 of the Discipline, proceed as far as he can go and report accordingly, stating to what class he belongs, whether that of the 1st, 2d, or 3d year, and recommending to Orders when found proficient in the whole course.

T. J. OGBURN,
E. A. WILSON.

Rev. A. C. HARRIS offered the following, which was lost:

*Resolved*, That we do not think it conducive to the best interest of our churches to appoint our ministry to pastorates for a longer period than three years consecutively.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported, finding nothing on the Journal of last year to come before this body.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, from the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, presented their report, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions would respectfully report as follows:

We have heard with pleasure the address of Rev. C. H. Williams, Treasurer of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and are glad to welcome him among us. We heartily endorse the *Methodist Protestant Missionary*, and would recommend it as worthy the patronage of our people.

We accept the apportionment of 25 cents per member asked to be raised for the above Board, and will do all we can to raise the same and to solicit contributions from our Sunday-schools, as enjoined in the Discipline.

Your committee offer the following for adoption:

*Resolved* 1st, That this Conferference is in full sympathy with the Board in its purpose to aid in evangelizing the world, and we require each pastor to instruct his people on the subject and to make all reasonable effort to collect funds for this Board, as required in the Discipline.

*Resolved* 2d, That we rejoice in the fact that the Home Missions under our Board of Missions are generally in a healthy condition, and that the Board has also secured by purchase a large, valuable and commodious Mission House in Yokohama, Japan, which has been more than two-thirds paid for, and that our Mission in Japan, under the care of Rev. F. C. Kline and Miss H. G. Brittain, is in a prosperous condition.

C. F. HARRIS,
S. W. COE,
J. E. HARTSELL,
T. J. OGBURN,
D. W. HARTIS.

Revs. R. H. Wills, C. F. Harris and A. W. Linberry were appointed to nominate five ministers to constitute the Board of Examination.

Dr. Rogers, President of Yadkin College, was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat.

Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock was set apart for the consideration of the interests of Yadkin College.

The action by which the Stationing Committee should have half a day for their meeting was reconsidered, and on further motion, Monday, at 1 o'clock P. M., was fixed as the time for the meeting of that committee.

*On motion* of Rev. T. J. OGBURN, the Editor of the *Central Protestant* was requested to keep a standing notice in that paper of the various collections ordered by this Conference.

Rev. GEORGE E. HUNT offered the following paper, which was tabled:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina is languishing more, perhaps, from the meagre salaries paid our Itinerant Ministers and Preachers than from any other cause;

AND WHEREAS, The Word of God clearly teaches that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and that it is wrong to "muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," and that "they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel";

AND WHEREAS, God has in different ages manifested His displeasure against those who have withheld a reasonable compensation from His servants who have ministered in holy things, by withholding His blessings;

AND WHEREAS, God has revealed it unto us that it is every person's duty to pay for the support of the gospel ministry as the "Lord has prospered us";

*Resolved, therefore*, That to pay as the "Lord has prospered us" be made a test of membership in the Methodist Protestant Church in the North Carolina District;

*Resolved* 2d, That each society shall be a competent court to decide whether its members are discharging their duty in this matter:

*Provided, however*, That in the event that the majority of any society, or class shall be accused of failing to discharge their duty in this matter, then, and in that case, the Quarterly Conference shall decide all questions arising therefrom.

*And provided furthermore*, That in the event any Mission, Station or Circuit shall be accused of neglecting its duty in this matter, then, and in that case, the Annual Conference shall decide whether the accusations are well-founded. And in the event that any person, society, Mission, Station or Circuit be found guilty, and if it will not reform, then it shall be subject to expulsion by a majority vote of the courts above named, having jurisdiction in the case.

GEORGE E. HUNT.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made the following report, which was adopted by items:

1st. Your committee have had J. C. Patterson before them to be examined for Itinerancy, and recommend that he be employed by the President the coming year, provided the President shall find it advisable to give him such employment.

2d. We had before us A. K. Scotton to be examined for Itinerancy, and recommend that brother Scotton continue his studies under the direction of the committee for the ensuing year, and that the President may employ him meanwhile in such position as he may judge expedient.

3d. We have had before us J. M. Baxley for Itinerancy. We recommend him.

4th. W. A. Cruse was before us, but was not examined. We have no recommendation to make in his case.

5th. W. E. Swain was before us. We recommend him for Itinerancy.

T. F. McCULLOUGH, *Chairman Committee.*

Monday, at 2 o'clock P. M., was made the order for the consideration of the *Central Protestant.*

The Conference adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. R. BALL.

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## THE HOLY SABBATH.

The morning was gray and the sky lowering, and there were many prophesies of foul weather—rain, sleet, or snow—but that kind Father whom we had met to worship ordered otherwise, and long before the hour for public service the *crowd* began to assemble from every quarter, and continued to come until long after the worship was begun, notwithstanding the pulpits of many other churches in the vicinity were filled, by request of those congregations, by some of the ablest and most attractive ministers. The following congregations were served by these brethren:

Flint Ridge, by Rev. W. L. HARRIS.

Piney Grove, by Rev. S. W. COE.

Bethany, M. E., by Rev. W. E. SWAIN.

Pleasant Hill, Christian, by Rev. J. E. HARTSELL.

Rocky River, Friends, by Revs. J. C. DEANS, J. F. McDOWELL.

Cane Creek, Friends, by Revs. G. W. BOWMAN, T. F. McCULLOUGH.

Liberty Grove, by Rev. T. T. FERREE.

AT LIBERTY GROVE, the seat of the Conference, there were three services. At 11 A. M. the pulpit was occupied by Rev. W. A. ROGERS, M. D., President of Yadkin College. His theme was beautiful and appropriate—"Christ in you, the

hope of glory,"—and handled with a masterly simplicity and ability which captivated his hearers. "It was good to be there."

After refreshment on the ground, the congregation re-assembled—as many as could get in the house, and the pulpit was occupied by Rev. R. H. WILLS. His theme was "Christ the manifestation of God's hatred of sin and love to man." This sermon, like all we have ever heard by this faithful, deep-thinking and warm-hearted man of God, went directly to the heart, and, like the former, pointing and leading to a higher life.

At the close of this service a collection was lifted for Home and Foreign Missions, and $20.05 realized.

At night a small congregation assembled to hear Rev. S. P. J. HARRIS. His theme was "Repentance." This was the crowning as well as the closing service of the day. Many hearts were made to glow with spiritual refreshing. God grant that many may be led to Christ by it!

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## FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, December 1st.

The Conference met at 8:30 o'clock, President WILLS in the chair, and was opened with religious services of half hour conducted by Rev. J. C. PATTERSON.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The examination of ministerial character was resumed, and the name of Rev. L. M. NOLEN being called, it was ordered that the record be made against him, "Not heard from."

Rev. T. J. OGBURN was called, reported and his character passed.

Rev. W. M. PIKE was called, pending which the order of the day was called for, the consideration of Yadkin College. The Committee on Colleges reported, which being read, was laid on the table.

Rev. J. R. Ball, Treasurer of the College, read his report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF YADKIN COLLEGE FUNDS.

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| Receipts | | $21,30 75 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | |
| On Watson and Cicil mortgage | $1,520 30 | |
| On John Taylor mortgage | 561 95 | |
| On Floating Debt, to W. J. Ellis | 20 00 | |
| Balance on hand | | $28 50 |
| Collected at Conference, Catawba Circuit | | 27 00 |
| Collected at Conference, Greensboro Circuit | | 1 50 |
| | | $57 00 |

The report of the Committee on Colleges was taken from the table, considered and recommitted.

*On motion,* the further consideration of the College interests was deferred until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

The Conference then adjourned for the Anniversary Meeting of the Conference Missionary Society.

The address was made by Rev. R. H. Wills, after which a collection was lifted and $88.42 realized.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference re-assembled at 1:30 P. M., with President Wills in the chair.

The question was called on the passage of the official character of Rev. W. M. Pike, and was waived to hear the report of the Boundary Committee, and the regular orders were also extended for that purpose. The report was read, amended and adopted by items, as follows:

The Committee on Boundaries recommend as follows:

1st. That Albemarle, Tar River, Roanoke and Halifax Circuits and LaGrange Mission remain as they are.

2d. That Littleton Circuit remain as it is, with Spring Church attached.

3d. Granville, North Granville, Orange and Alamance Circuits and Henderson Station remain as they are.

4th. A Mission to be set off to be known as Belmont Mission, including Haw River Station, Belmont Factory and the adjacent territory.

5th. Randolph Circuit to remain as it is, with Bethany detached.

6th. Ashboro Circuit remain as it is, with Charlotte detached and Melton's Grove attached.

7th. Cedar Falls Circuit remain as it is, with Charlotte and Bethany attached.

8th. Greensboro Circuit remain as it is.

9th. Guilford Circuit remain as it is, with Pleasant Grove attached.

10th. Haw River Circuit remain as it is, with Sandy Cross attached.

11th. Flat Rock Circuit remain as it is, with the addition of Kernersville Sandy Cross and Brown's School-house.

12th. High Point Circuit remain as it is, with Tabernacle detached from Davidson and attached to High Point.

13th. Davidson Circuit remain as it is, with Tabernacle detached and so changing the line between Davidson and Winston Circuits that Perry Church will belong to Davidson.

14th. Winston Mission remain as it is.

15th. Catawba Circuit remain as it is.

16th. Cleveland, Mecklenburg, Ivy, Buncombe, Stanly and Monroe Circuits remain as they are.

17th. Mocksville Mission remain as it is, with Vanderburg detached from Rowan Mission and attached to Mocksville, and made Mocksville Circuit.

18th. Surry and Tally Ho Missions remain as they are, with the name of Tally Ho changed to West Tar River Mission.

19th. Forsyth Circuit to remain as it is, with Blackburn's School-house added.

20th. Rowan Mission be discontinued.

G. W. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

*On motion* of Rev. J. R. BALL, Oliver Lamb, in the absence of the delegate from Orange Circuit, was permitted to go before the Stationing Committee.

The following report was made to the Conference:

*To the Annual Conference of the North Carolina District, Methodist Protestant Church:*

As the Board of Managers of the Superanuated Fund Society of our Conference, we beg leave to report that we have this day held our annual meeting, and beg leave to state that the funds of the Society have neither increased nor decreased during the year, and regret no efforts were made to increase the funds, so far as your Board are informed, as suggested in our report to your body a year ago; this ought not so to be.

We have appointed W. C. Whitaker, of our Board, to look after the indebtedness to this Society and to adjust it to the best advantage and to the best interest of the Society, according to his judgment, and we have directed the Treasurer of our fund to pay to Brother Whitaker the amount necessary to defray the expense he may incur in the prosecution of his commission.

We recommend that the Treasurer pay to Revs. James Deans and A. J. Laughlin, superanuates, each fifty dollars out of any moneys in the treasury.

We recommend, or renew our former recommendation, that the appointees of this Conference be diligent in their efforts to secure funds to increase the sum total to an amount commensurate to the necessities of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WHITAKER, *Secretary pro tem.*

The question on the official examination of Rev. W. M. PIKE was resumed and his character was passed.

The examination of official character was continued, and Revs. J. R. BALL, F. M. TOTTEN and H. C. FULTON passed.

The subject of Yadkin College was presented by Dr. ROGERS, the President, at length, after which the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by President WILLS.

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## SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, December 2d.

The Conference convened at 8:30 A. M., Rev. A. C. HARRIS in the chair, and was opened with religious service of half hour, conducted by Rev. J. L. MICHAUX.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

*On motion* of J. R. Dwiggins, item 10 of the report of Committee on Boundaries was reconsidered. He then moved to detach Sandy Cross from Flat Rock Circuit. Carried.

It was then moved to attach it to Haw River Circuit. Carried.

*The motion* to re-adopt item 10, with these changes, was carried.

Brethren W. L. HARRIS, J. C. DEANS, W. C. HAMMER, J. J. Renn, A. E. Carter, D. W. Hardee, J. A. Crew and S. E. Rogers were granted leave of absence.

*On motion*, item 17 of the Committee on Boundaries was reconsidered.

*On motion* to change item 17 of the report on Boundaries, Rev. W. C. HAMMER moved to attach Pisgah and Vander-

burg to Mocksville Mission and make it a Circuit. Rev. J. N. GARRETT moved, as a substitute, that it be continued as a Mission, with Vanderburg attached.

Rev. C. F. HARRIS moved an amendment that the whole of Mocksville and Rowan Missions be blended and called Mocksville Circuit.

Rev. R. H. WILLS moved an amendment, that these two Missions remain as they were. Carried.

The item as amended, was then adopted.

Rev. S. W. COE read the report of the Conference Missionary Society, which was adopted:

HICKORY GROVE, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., December 1, 1884.

A missionary meeting was held to-day at 11 o'clock A. M., and opened by reading the 35th chapter of Isaiah by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, and prayer by Rev. G. W. Bowman, after which a missionary speech was made by Rev. R. H. Wills.

The following persons were made Life Members by the payment of ten dollars each: Rev. A. W. Rogers, Mrs. Lou J. Weatherly, Mrs. John W. Coe, Samuel E. Coe, infant son of Rev. S. W. Coe, Rev. S. W. Coe, Mrs. T. J. Ogburn, Miss Annie Hanner, Rev. R. R. Hanner.

The Board made the following appropriations for the past year:

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| Winston Mission | $96 50 |
| LaGrange Mission | 95 50 |
| Mocksville Mission | 71 50 |
| Rowan Mission | 50 00 |
| Surry Mission | 10 00 |
| | $323 50 |

S. W. COE, *Secretary Board.*

Rev. W. H. LEWIS presented the amended report of the Committee on Colleges, which was read by items and adopted:

Your Committee on Colleges, having met and made the necessary investigations, beg leave to report as follows: As a Church we have three denominational colleges: Western Maryland, in Maryland; Adrian, in Michigan, and Yadkin, in Davidson county, N. C. According to information gathered, we are pleased to report the two first above-named institutions as in good condition, on a firm basis and doing good work; we take pleasure, therefore, in recommending them to the hearty patronage and liberal support of all our people in all parts of the United States.

Yadkin College, belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina, now under the management of our worthy and experienced brother,

Rev. Dr. Rogers, is our *home institution*, and, therefore, demands our careful and special attention; and, in order to insure its further success and advancement, must be immediately and effectually aided in the way of students and money. It is well known to all intelligent Methodist Protestants that Yadkin College is really necessary to the rapid and sure success of the Church in North Carolina. It is also a well known fact that the present new building at Yadkin has cost the Church a considerable sum of money, which money must have been badly invested; unless we, as a Conference and as a Church, take some steps to relieve the College of all embarrassment and place it upon a sure and firm basis. Therefore, we recommend, 1st, That some steps be taken by this Conference to secure the amount of money necessary to the completion and furnishing of the College with such appliances and apparatus as are essential to its growth and prosperity as a College. We also find, by reference to the minutes of last year, that there is a considerable amount of the assessment made for Yadkin College yet unpaid; therefore, we recommend, 2d, That this Conference make it obligatory upon each pastor to make earnest efforts to collect the deficit, if any, upon his field of labor and report to the Treasurer. We recommend, 3d, That the ministers and laymen of this Conference do pledge themselves to co-operate with the President of the College in securing students for this institution of learning. We recommend, 4th, That all possible care be taken by the members of this Conference to get our people to patronize their own institutions, especially Yadkin College.

Signed, J. C. DEANS,
W. C. WHITAKER,
W. L. HARRIS,
R. T. PICKENS,
W. H. LEWIS.

Rev. A. C. HARRIS read the report of the Committee on Literature, and the item referring to the *Central Protestant* was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. R. BALL, W. C. HAMMER and W. C. KENNETT, and which, together with the report of the committee, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Committee on Colleges will consider the interests of these institutions of learning and culture, and will make such recommendations as may seem to them to be to the best interest of these nurseries of learning and advancement.

We commend the publications emanating from our Publishing Houses at Pittsburg and at Baltimore—notably Bassett's Revised History, Colhouer's Founders of the Methodist Protestant Church, Studies in the New Testament, Water Baptism, The Contrast, Catechisms, Disciplines, Hymn Books, &c.—and recommend these to those, especially of our membership who may desire a pure and instructive literature.

The organs of the Church, the *Methodist Protestant*, published for more than half a century in the city of Baltimore, is conducted with exceptionable ability by Dr. Drinkhouse and Brother Dulany. This has always been an organ of the Church, and has given no uncertain sound, maintaining the principles enunciated by our fathers of mutual rights, mutual obligations and mutual responsibilities. Always free from political bias, it constituted at one time the *only* Church paper permitted to pass through the lines by those in authority, who were satisfied, upon examination, that its columns were singularly free from political deliverances. It has stood up nobly for the truth as entertained by the Methodist Protestant Church in her governmental polity. Its present editor, elected for the fourth quadrennium, knows how to wield the battle-axe, and with a discriminating judgment in its make-up, furnishes us, weekly, much pabulum for mental consumption.

The *Methodist Recorder*, which for 30 years has issued from the press at Pittsburg, is a weekly of general, miscellaneous and standard literature. Dr. Scott, who wields a trenchant pen, is at the helm, and will continue to regale his readers with such subjects, original and selected, as shall be most promotive of the interests of his publication in connection with the Church. We think every family should have at least one of these communications of thought, and carefully peruse the interesting columns of which they are made up, on each weekly visit. We think our ministry will be greatly the gainers by subscribing to both of these publications, and we recommend them to do so.

The Sunday-school literature of our own Church, under the management of Rev. T. H. Cowan, commends itself to every Methodist Protestant Sunday-school in our Church. It is as good as the best and as cheap as any. Supply our children with our own literature and teach them to honor the founders of the Methodist Protestant Church—the church of their choice—and we may expect them to grow up into the Church and to take an active part in cultivating her interests.

Let us frown upon and as much as possible check the growing evil of trashy and pernicious publications, which from venal presses are flooding the land, poisoning the minds of the young. The human mind will be active, and if not directed into proper, will flow into improper channels. Cultivate the mind, cultivate the heart, renew the mind and the heart through the agencies and instrumentalities which are appointed of God, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will enwrap the whole in the great robe of salvation, place crowns of righteousness upon our brows, sceptres in our hands, we shall be "Kings and Priests unto God," and a kingdom in the vast Eternity which lies before us.

The *Central Protestant*, now in its tenth year, published at Greensboro, N. C., under the auspices of this Conference, has made its weekly visits to us, when not obstructed by agencies not under the control of its editor and Board of Publication. Rev. J. L. Michaux has been elected annually to edit its matter, superintend its publication and to advance its interests. To what extent he has had the aid of our pastors, as recommended by your Committee on Literature at our last Conference, we are not advised. We know that the co-operation of our pastors and families of our Church is requisite to the success of this enterprise. Give your editor and Publishing Committee the patronage which an organ of our Conference should enjoy, and we are confident its publication will reach forward and find a circulation of sufficient number to make

it a self-sustaining interest. We commend its columns to the reading public, and especially to our membership as a medium of communicating Church intelligence and diffusing general information, which are so essential to a full understanding of the duties devolving upon us as citizens, churchmen, and ecclesiastical representatives, that we may be fully equipped for the duties we are expected to perform.

Having thus considered the subjects supposed to be committed to us, we respectfully submit this as our report. A. C. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

The following is the report of the Special Committee:

Your committee have interviewed the editor of the *Central Protestant* and find that it has as good prospects, with a reasonable co-operation on the part of our pastors and brethren, as it has ever had; and that the objectionable features, to-wit: irregularity of its issues and meagreness of church news can be removed by the editor simply being supplied with the necessary means.

We find there are several hundreds of dollars due the *Central*, arrears on the part of subscribers, and that the assets are far in excess of its liabilities.

As this Conference is not responsible in anything for its liabilities, and as the *Central* is a necessity to the Conference, we therefore recommend that it be made the duty of each pastor in this Conference to solicit subscriptions and collect arrears from delinquent subscribers with persistent effort, on their respective fields and forward to the *Central.*

J. R. BALL,
W. C. HAMMER,
W. C. KENNETT,
*Committee.*

Rev. A. C. HARRIS submitted the report of the Publishing Committee for last year, which was adopted, and the balance due the Conference of $10.03 was paid over to the present Publishing Committee.

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. P. CHURCH,
IN ACCOUNT WITH F. S. HARRIS, Publishing Committee.

| 1883. | | Dr. | Cr. |
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| December. | By cash contributed by members at Conference,... | | $39 50 |
| | To postage on proofs, securing adv., &c.....$ | 40 | |
| | " bill printing 500 Minutes..... | 33 00 | |
| | " expressage on " ..... | 45 | |
| | " postage on Minutes to subscribers..... | 3 15 | |
| | " cap paper, twine, wrapping paper, and mucilage | 50 | |
| | " postage on odd copies sold ..... | 12 | |
| | " amount returned to Major Harris for 5 copies to supply small orders..... | 40 | |

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| By amount allowed by Harrell's printing house for his "ad." | | $ 3 00 |
| " cash received of J. T. Ward for ad. W. Md. College | | 3 75 |
| " cash received for odd Minutes | | 1 80 |
| To balance due N. C. A. Conference M. P. Church, carried down | 10 03 | |
| | $48 05 | $48 05 |

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Not being able to secure other *paying* "ads." in time, the spaces were *filled out* "gratis."

The following was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR COMPLETING YADKIN COLLEGE.

Received from

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| Rev. A. C. Spillman, Surry Mission | $ 8 25 |
| Rev. W. E. Swain, Catawba Circuit | 41 50 |
| Rev. J. N. Garrett, Mecklenburg Circuit | 15 25 |
| Rev. J. H. Morton, Ivey Circuit | 11 30 |
| Rev. W. L. Harris, Tar River Circuit | 12 00 |
| Rev. J. E. Hartsell, Cleveland Circuit | 14 65 |
| Rev. T. F. McCullough, Roanoke Circuit | 18 00 |
| Rev. G. E. Hunt, Halifax Circuit | 9 32 |
| Rev. R. R. Hanner, Winston Circuit | 1 50 |
| Rev. W. F. Kennett, Buncombe Circuit | 5 00 |
| Stanley Circuit | 7 60 |
| Forsyth Circuit | 4 30 |
| Spring Church | 25 |
| Randolph Circuit | 30 |
| Orange Circuit | 13 75 |
| North Granville Circuit | 16 00 |
| Rowan Mission | 1 00 |
| Albemarle Circuit | 1 05 |
| High Point Circuit | 5 00 |
| Ashboro Circuit | 1 00 |
| Total | $111 40 |

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. OGBURN, *Chairman.*

Rev. J. R. BALL was re-elected Treasurer of Yadkin College, and was instructed to use the amount in hand toward liquidating the floating debt of the College.

The Conference ordered that all moneys collected to pay the expense of the delegates to the late General Conference, and not paid over, be paid to Rev. J. R. Ball, the Treasurer of that fund.

Rev. J. W. HEATH, Treasurer of Ministerial Education Fund, presented his report, which was adopted, as follows:

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| Received December 5th, 1883 | $ 64 25 | |
| Paid out December 25th, 1883 | | $30 00 |
| Received December 3d, 1884 | 42 13 | |
| Paid out December 4th, 1884 | | 13 34 |
| | $106 38 | $43 34 |
| Balance due Fund | $63 04 | |

Received as College collections, December 5th, 1884, $10.27.

J. W. HEATH, *Treasurer.*

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Annual Conference are due, and they are hereby heartily expressed, to the citizens of this community for the liberal, courteous and cheerful kindness with which we have been entertained during our session.

J. W. HEATH,
J. L. MICHAUX,
W. H. LEWIS.

The recommendation of Clifton L. Whitaker by the Quarterly Conference of Roanoke Circuit, to the Board of Ministerial Education, as a beneficiary, was called up and adopted, and Revs. T. T. FERREE, C. A. PICKENS and R. R. HANNER were appointed to examine brother Whitaker.

Revs. T. J. OGBURN, J. R. BALL, T. F. MCCULLOUGH, D. A. HIGHFILL and S. W. COE were elected the Board of Ministerial Examination.

The following was adopted:

Your committee to receive collections for Colleges report as follows:

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| Mecklenburg Circuit | $ 2 90 |
| Buncombe Circuit | 1 00 |
| Haw River Circuit | 2 15 |
| Winston Circuit | 2 00 |
| Roanoke Circuit | 1 06 |
| Mocksville Mission | 3 00 |
| Winston Mission | 3 00 |
| Total | $15 11 |

S. W. COE.

A fraternal letter from Rev. J. W. HOLT, of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference was read, and it was ordered that it be received and that three fraternal messengers be appointed to that body.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due to the various railroads which extended courtesies to the members of this body by granting reduced fare over their lines to attend this session.

W. H. LEWIS,
R. R. HANNER.

| FIELDS OF LABOR. | PASTORS. | Pastor's Claim. | Received. | President's Salary. | Received. | Home and Foreign Missions. | Local Missions. | Ministerial Education. | Colleges. | Seminary. | Miscellany. |
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| Albemarle | E. A. Wilson | $ 400 00 | $ 210 00 | $ 10 00 | $ 10 00 | $ 3 00 | $ 5 42 | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Alamance | G. W. Bowman | 325 00 | 305 26 | 45 00 | 42 40 | 25 00 | 17 56 | | | | 190 00 |
| Ashboro | W. C. Kennett | 303 00 | 297 53 | 33 00 | 37 25 | 11 89 | 11 89 | | | | |
| Buncombe | W. F. Kennett | 200 00 | 220 00 | 15 00 | 15 50 | 24 00 | 5 00 | 1 50 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 301 00 |
| Catawba | W. E. Swain | 315 00 | 270 00 | 21 00 | 23 70 | 9 53 | 4 79 | | | 1 00 | 68 00 |
| Cleveland | J. E. Hartsell | 230 00 | 274 14 | 35 00 | 28 55 | 6 60 | 6 65 | | | | 49 90 |
| Cedar Falls | C. A. Pickens | | | 32 00 | 15 81 | 12 00 | 12 00 | | | | |
| Caldwell Missions | L. M. Nolen | | | 10 00 | 5 85 | | | | | | |
| Davidson | A. W. Lineberry | 350 00 | 342 40 | 35 00 | 21 78 | 6 00 | 4 58 | | | | |
| Forsyth | J. H. Totten | | | 20 00 | 15 55 | 9 00 | 9 55 | | | | 1 20 |
| Flat Rock | C. F. Harris | 300 00 | 265 00 | 27 00 | 16 68 | 9 08 | 8 91 | | | | 2 59 |
| Greensboro | W. W. Amick | 350 00 | 309 68 | 45 00 | 36 07 | 36 89 | 8 55 | 1 56 | | | 1 50 |
| Guilford | H. Lewallen | 300 00 | 245 10 | 25 00 | 23 85 | 2 04 | 2 04 | | 8 00 | | |
| Granville | T. T. Ferrec | 550 00 | 516 00 | 30 00 | 26 72 | | 5 50 | | | | |
| Halifax | G. E. Hunt | 500 00 | 270 00 | 20 00 | 15 70 | 5 50 | 5 00 | | | | |
| Henderson Station | F. M. Totten | | | 6 00 | 7 00 | 10 00 | 4 65 | | | | |
| High Point | M. E. Hammer | 175 00 | 165 00 | | 14 63 | 7 50 | 2 10 | | | | |
| Haw River | J. W. Heath | 300 00 | 300 00 | 25 00 | 21 73 | 25 00 | 17 72 | 5 25 | 2 15 | | 2 15 |
| Ivey | J. H. Moton | | 176 00 | 15 00 | 13 15 | 5 62 | | | | | 300 00 |
| Littleton | O. Ryder | 250 00 | 190 00 | 12 00 | 9 55 | 1 00 | 1 40 | | | | |
| LaGrange Mission | W. H. Wills | 150 00 | 68 00 | 8 00 | 11 00 | | | | | | |
| Mocksville Mission | S. W. Coe | 225 00 | 212 00 | 15 00 | 15 00 | 45 00 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 5 00 | 11 96 |
| Mecklenburg | J. N. Garrett | 400 00 | 358 48 | 21 00 | 21 00 | 13 60 | 11 81 | 18 11 | 2 90 | 1 73 | 19 39 |
| Monroe | H. D. Garmon | | | 10 00 | 9 50 | 4 58 | 4 58 | | | | |
| North Granville | D. A. Fishell | | | 10 00 | 13 50 | | | | | | |
| Orange | J. R. Ball | 400 00 | 385 00 | 25 00 | 15 95 | 18 00 | | | | | 19 00 |
| Randolph | D. A. Highfill | 300 00 | 264 65 | 30 00 | 27 66 | 10 50 | 10 50 | | | | 200 00 |
| Rowan Mission | W. Frank McDowd | 125 00 | 60 25 | 10 00 | 3 50 | 2 05 | | | | | |
| Roanoke | T. F. McCullough | 450 00 | 400 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | 15 40 | 3 42 | 4 15 | 1 06 | 4 15 | 18 00 |
| Stanly | W. H. Lewis | 416 00 | 316 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | | 2 89 | | | | |
| Surry Mission | A. C. Spillman | 175 00 | 132 56 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 10 62 | 9 39 | | | | |
| Tar River | W. L. Harris | 250 00 | 225 00 | 10 00 | 14 32 | 5 00 | 7 00 | 3 00 | | 1 31 | 11 31 |
| Winston Station | T. J. Ogburn | 450 00 | 450 00 | 8 00 | 8 00 | 37 25 | | | 3 00 | 2 00 | 16 50 |
| Tally Ho Mission | S. P. J. Harris | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winston Circuit | R. R. Hanner | 380 00 | 242 07 | 35 00 | 19 55 | 20 40 | 8 00 | 2 50 | 2 00 | | 65 30 |
| Spring Church | O. Ryder | 80 00 | 80 61 | | 5 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | | | | |
| Greenville | | | | | 2 20 | | | | | | |

| FIELDS OF LABOR. | PASTORS. | Ministers. | Preachers. | Members. | Probationers. | Conversions. | Received. | Deceased. | Withdrawn. | Removed. | Discontinued | Increase. | Decrease. | Churches. | Valuation of Churches. | Valuation of Parsonages. | Periodicals. M. Prot | Periodicals. M. Rec. | Sabbath Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. |
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| Albemarle | E. A. Wilson | 1 | ..... | 150 | ..... | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | ..... | 2 | 1 | ..... | 3 | $ 2,600 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 1 | 10 | 35 | 50 |
| Alamance | G. W. Bowman | 1 | ..... | 827 | 18 | 36 | 11 | 10 | ..... | 12 | 34 | 27 | ..... | 8 | 2,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ashboro | W. C. Kennett | 1 | ..... | 613 | ..... | 100 | 70 | 6 | 21 | 4 | 7 | 36 | ..... | 9 | 2,200 | ..... | ..... | ..... | [illegible] | 27 | 315 | ..... |
| Buncombe | W. F. Kennett | 1 | 4 | 344 | ..... | 101 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 35 | ..... | 3 | 1,600 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Catawba | W. E. Swain | 1 | 4 | 388 | ..... | 17 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 | ..... | 6 | 2,800 | 600 | 1 | ..... | 3 | 12 | 128 | 115 |
| Cleveland | J. E. Hartsell | 5 | ..... | 575 | 1 | 45 | 46 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 26 | ..... | 8 | 2,250 | ..... | ..... | 2 | 4 | 20 | 226 | 64 |
| Cedar Falls | C. A. Pickens | 5 | 1 | 408 | ..... | ..... | 10 | 12 | 9 | ..... | 9 | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | 30 | 310 | ..... |
| Caldwell | L. M. Nolen | ..... | ..... | 140 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Davidson | A. W. Lineberry | 1 | 6 | 521 | ..... | 93 | 71 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 31 | ..... | 8½ | 3,150 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 | 34 | 276 | ..... |
| Forsyth | J. H. Totten | 1 | 2 | 374 | 5 | 54 | 35 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 5 | 30 | ..... | 7 | 3,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Flat Rock | C. F. Harris | 1 | 1 | 590 | ..... | 9 | 16 | 7 | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 6 | 3,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | 140 | ..... |
| Greensboro | W. W. Amick | 1 | ..... | 596 | 4 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 2 | ..... | 18 | ..... | 10 | 6 | 3,500 | ..... | 2 | ..... | 3 | 12 | 125 | ..... |
| Guilford | H. Lewallen | 2 | ..... | 382 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7½ | 2,200 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Granville | T. T. Ferree | 1 | ..... | 490 | ..... | 20 | 7 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 600 | ..... | ..... | 4 | 13 | 168 | ..... |
| Halifax | G. E. Hunt | 1 | ..... | 307 | ..... | 12 | 12 | 5 | 1 | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 5,150 | 400 | ..... | ..... | 4 | 15 | 150 | ..... |
| Henderson | S. P. J. Harris | 1 | ..... | 43 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 1 | 5 | 46 | ..... |
| High Point | M. E. Hammer | 1 | 1 | 120 | 4 | 37 | 24 | 2 | ..... | 2 | ..... | 20 | ..... | 5 | 1,000 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 5 | 16 | ..... | ..... |
| Haw River | J. W. Heath | 2 | 1 | 345 | 11 | 48 | 32 | 4 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 27 | ..... | 5 | 3,200 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | 18 | 190 | ..... |
| Ivey | J. H. Moton | ..... | 2 | 208 | 5 | 79 | 34 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 5 | 27 | ..... | 4 | 1,000 | 400 | 3 | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Littleton | O. Ryder | 2 | 1 | 245 | ..... | 30 | 28 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 | ..... | 4 | 1,350 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 8 | 60 | ..... |
| LaGrange | W. H. Wills | 1 | ..... | 94 | ..... | ..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 1½ | 700 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mocksville Miss'n | S. W. Coe | 1 | ..... | 294 | 1 | 38 | 43 | 4 | 3 | ..... | 1 | 35 | ..... | 4 | 1,500 | ..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 118 | ..... |
| Mecklenburg | J. N. Garrett | 1 | 1 | 407 | 5 | 35 | 51 | 2 | 5 | ..... | 2 | 42 | ..... | 5 | 3,500 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 4 | 14 | 150 | 90 |
| Monroe | W. M. Pike, W. H. Lewis | 1 | 1 | 228 | ..... | 60 | 56 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 51 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 | 14 | 146 | ..... |
| North Granville | D. A. Fishell | 3 | ..... | 194 | ..... | ..... | 10 | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 8 | ..... | 3 | 2,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Orange | J. R. Ball | 1 | ..... | 448 | ..... | ..... | 20 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 | ..... | 5 | 2,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Randolph | D. A. Highfill | 1 | 1 | 562 | 28 | 42 | 30 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 22 | ..... | 8 | 2,200 | ..... | 6 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 210 | 136 |
| Rowan Mission | F. McDowell | ..... | 3 | 128 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 4 | ..... | 12 | 10 | ..... | 26 | 3 | 1,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Roanoke | T. F. McCullough | 1 | ..... | 300 | 4 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 1 | ..... | 2 | 7 | ..... | 4 | 3,350 | 700 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 175 | ..... |
| Stanly | W. H. Lewis | 2 | 5 | 433 | ..... | 66 | 57 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 42 | ..... | 5 | 1,750 | ..... | 2 | ..... | 3 | 10 | 150 | ..... |
| Surry Mission | A. C. Spillman | 1 | 1 | 347 | 10 | 30 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 37 | ..... | 4½ | 1,350 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 2 | 16 | 103 | ..... |
| Spring Church | O. Ryder | ..... | 1 | 83 | ..... | 5 | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | 1 | 1,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 6 | 35 | ..... |
| Tar River | W. L. Harris | 1 | 1 | 95 | ..... | 8 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | ..... | 4 | 2,675 | ..... | 6 | ..... | 3 | 18 | 153 | ..... |
| Winston Circuit | R. R. Hanner | 2 | 2 | 504 | 4 | 30 | 44 | 3 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 40 | ..... | 5½ | 3,500 | ..... | 5 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 168 | 117 |
| Winston Station | T. J. Ogburn | 1 | ..... | 130 | 2 | 24 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 29 | ..... | 1 | 3,500 | ..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 60 | 175 |
| | | 46 | 45 | 11,913 | 102 | 1060 | 907 | 119 | 66 | 69 | 147 | 649 | 42 | 161½ | $ 69,925 | $ 2,700 | 66 | 9 | 103 | 378 | 3634 | 747 |

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

After considering that almost every pastoral charge has its weak points, we recommend that the assessments and collections for the President from the several fields of labor be as follows:

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| Albemarle | $10 | Halifax | $20 |
| Alamance | 45 | Ivey | 15 |
| Ashboro | 30 | LaGrange Mission | 8 |
| Buncombe | 17 | Littleton | 17 |
| Caldwell Mission | 10 | Mecklenburg | 21 |
| Cleveland | 30 | Mocksville Mission | 15 |
| Catawba | 21 | Monroe | 10 |
| Cedar Falls | 32 | North Granville | 10 |
| Davidson | 30 | Orange | 25 |
| Forsyth | 20 | Randolph | 30 |
| Flat Rock | 27 | Rowan Mission | 10 |
| Greensboro | 45 | Roanoke | 20 |
| Granville | 30 | Surry Mission | 10 |
| Guilford | 25 | Stanly | 20 |
| Haw River | 25 | Tar River | 10 |
| Henderson Station | 6 | Winston Mission | 8 |
| High Point | 10 | Winston Circuit | 35 |
| Total | | | $700 |

W. H. HART,
A. R. HUNTER,
J. G. SURRATT.

The PRESIDENT was instructed to appoint a committee to examine Rev. W. A. CREWS, an unstationed preacher, in view of his ordination.

The Conference then adjourned until 1 o'eloek P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Rev. J. R. BALL in the chair.

Rev. R. H. WILLS was made Treasurer of the fund to finish Yadkin College, and it was ordered that all moneys eollected for that purpose be paid to him.

The interest of Yadkin College was again taken up. The report of the Committee on Colleges was read, and the Conference went into a Committee of the Whole and considered at length that part referring to Yadkin College.

Conference business was then resumed, President WILLS in the chair.

The Secretary was ordered to fill all blanks in the table of statistics from the minutes of last year.

The PRESIDENT was required to travel the District the ensuing year.

The report of the Stationing Committee was read, and adopted by items, as follows:

## APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT, REV. J. H. WILLS.

ALBEMARLE—To be supplied.
ALAMANCE—G. W. Bowman.
ASHBORO—George E. Hunt.
BELMONT MISSION—M. E. Hammer.
BUNCOMBE—*W. F. Kennett.*
CATAWBA—W. H. Lewis.
CLEVELAND—J. E. Hartsell.
CEDAR FALLS—D. A. Highfill, W. C. Hammer, supernumerary.
CALDWELL MISSION—W. P. Martin.
DAVIDSON—H. Lewallen.
FORSYTH—I. I. York.
FLAT ROCK—C. F. Harris.
GREENSBORO—T. F. McCullough.
GUILFORD—J. R. Ball, J. C. Deans, supernumerary.
GRANVILLE—W. C. Kennett.
HALIFAX—S. W. Coe.
HENDERSON STATION—Unsupplied.
HIGH POINT—*J. M. Baxley.*
HAW RIVER—J. W. Heath.
IVEY—*J. H. Moton.*
LITTLETON—E. A. Wilson.
LAGRANGE MISSION—*W. E. Swain.*
MOCKSVILLE MISSION—T. T. Ferree.
MECKLENBURG—J. N. Garrett.
MUNROE—Supplied by H. D. Garmon.
NORTH GRANVILLE—D. A. Fishell.
ORANGE—R. R. Michaux.
RANDOLPH—W. W. Amick.
ROWAN MISSION—To be supplied.
ROANOKE—F. M. Totten.
STANLY—R. R. Hanner.

SURRY MISSION—*W. M. Pike.*
TAR RIVER—*W. L. Harris.*
WINSTON—A. W. Lineberry.
WINSTON STATION—T. J. Ogburn.
WEST TAR RIVER MISSION—S. P. J. Harris.
J. L. MICHAUX—Editor *Central Protestant.*
S. SIMPSON—Professor Western Maryland College.
J. P. SIMPSON, A. J. LANGLIN, JAS. DEANS, W. H. WILLS—Superannuated.
C. A. PICKENS, J. H. TOTTEN, A. C. HARRIS, R. W. PEGRAM—Left without appointment at their request.
H. C. FULTON—Transferred to Unstationed List.
H. W. PEEPLES, *W. F. McDowell*, A. C. SPILLMAN, W. G. HAMILTON—Left in hands of President.

The Conference then adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

R. H. WILLS, *President.*

E. A. WILSON,
T. T. FERREE, } *Secretaries.*

NOTE.—The committees on Fraternal Relations, Temperance, and to Examine Church Registers, failed to report.

# FRATERNAL LETTERS.

*To the President and Members of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, convened at Hickory Grove, Chatham County, N. C.:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—At the late session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference of the Christian Church, I was appointed to bear the fraternal greetings of that body to you, but finding it impossible for me to attend the session of your Conference, I address you by letter. It would afford me much pleasure to meet you, and mingle with you, as servants of the same Master. The identity of our work, the oneness of our purpose, the similarity of our experience, and our subjection to the same Great Head of the Church, should, it would seem, be sufficient to bring us very close together in our efforts to honor the Master and save souls.

Speaking for my Conference, I would say, we are doing what we can to point sinners to Christ, to encourage the followers of the Lamb, and to save souls from the powers of evil, and we bid you, and all others engaged in the same work, God speed. May the Great Head of the Church guide you in your deliberations, and may your session be pleasant and harmonious, and may the work of the Lord prosper in your hands.

Fraternally yours,

JEREMIAH W. HOLT.

Company Shops, N. C., November 26th, 1884.

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SANDY GROVE, N. C., November 27th, 1884.

*To the Methodist Protestant Conference, assembled at Hickory Grove, N. C.:*

MR. PRESIDENT, BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—I say brethren and sisters because we are brethren and sisters in the one great Church of which Christ is the head. I am sorry that I cannot be with you in person, but am proud that it is my privilege to write to you as a fraternal messenger from the Christian Church, conveying to you the most cordial Christian and fraternal salutations from our Church, bidding you God speed in your deliberations as a Conference and Church; and I do think that the Christians and Methodist Protestants have less to quarrel about than any other two denominations; springing as they did from one Mother Church.

We are commanded to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that as little children we should love one another. I feel, my friends, that we are living too much in the neglect of this duty, thereby increasing formality and coldness in spiritual things, thus retarding the influence of the Church and the spread of the Gospel.

I hope the time is not far distant when all denominations may feel and know that they are all one Church, and strive no longer to build up their own to the detriment of others, and that the Church militant shall be the only object at which they aim, and all know that unitedly they compose the Church on

earth, and determine that no little differences shall cause them to fall out on the way. Why, my brethren, I feel that we are of the same brotherhood, having the same common Father, children of the same family, heirs of the same glorious promises, alike liable to the same temptations, influenced by the same spirit and hope, branches of the same vine, and required by our Master to bear the same fruit.

Being unable to say anything instructing or interesting, and not wishing to consume your valuable time, I will decline trying to say anything more, only that the Christian and Methodist Protestant Churches are not only, as before said, branches of the same vine, but, in my opinion, are twin branches and ought to be same in sentiment and feelings, name and work.

May God bless all your efforts as a Church and Conference.

D. H. ALBRIGHT.

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## ELECTION LAW.

The Third Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall nominate double the number of Laymen the field of labor may be entitled to as delegates to the Annual Conference; the pastor shall announce from each pulpit the names of the nominees, and appoint a day—which shall be that on which his appointment shall fall at each church—for taking the vote by ballot for the number to which the charge may be entitled; the ballots cast by male members over the age of 21 years, to be received by the class leader or steward, under the supervision of the pastor, and returned in envelopes to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be opened and counted as may be directed by that body. The nominee or nominees receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared duly elected, and certificates given accordingly.

## ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MINISTERS—AND ADDRESS.

Amick, W. W.....Long's Mills.
Bowman, G. W.....Crystal.
Ball, J. R.....Greensboro.
Baxley, J. M.....High Point.
Coe, S. W.....Brinkleyville.
Deans, J. C.....High Point.
Deans, James.....
Dunn, J. S.....
Ferree, T. T.....Yadkin College.
Fishell, D. A.....Macon.
Garrett, J. N.....Yadkin College.
Hunt, G. E.....Ashboro.
Hammer, M. E.....Haw River.
Hammer, W. C.....Worthville.
Hartsell, J. E.....
Highfill, D. A.....Liberty.
Hanner, R. R.....
Harris, A. C.....Henderson.
Harris, C. F.....Summerfield.
*Harris, W. L.*.....Whitaker's.
Heath, J. W.....Tabernacle.
Harris, S. P. J.....Henderson.
Hamilton, W. G.....
Kennett, W. C.....Kittrell.
*Kennett, W. F.*.....Weaverville.
Lewis, W. H.....Lincolnton.
Lewallen, H.....Ashboro.
Lineberry, A. W.....Greensboro.
Laughlin, A. J.....
Martin, W. P.....Worthville.
McCullough, T. F.....Pleasant Garden.
*Moton, J. H.*.....Democrat.
Michaux, J. L.....Greensboro.
Michaux, R. R.....Hillsboro.
*McDowell, W. F.*.....Ashboro.
Ogburn, T. J.....Winsboro.
Pegram, R. W.....Elkin.
*Pike, W. M.*.....
Pickens, C. A.....Yadkin College.
Peeples, H. W.....

Simpson, S.....Westminster, Md.
Simpson, J. P.....Enfield.
*Spillman, A. C.*.....
*Swain, W. E.*.....LaGrange.
Totten, F. M.....Enfield.
Totten, J. H.....Benefit.
Wilson, E. A.....Littleton.
Wills, W. H.....Brinkleyville.
Wills, R. H.....Yadkin College.
York, I. I.....High Point.

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## LAY MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE, 1884.

Isaac Mooney.....Cleveland Circuit.
D. W. Hardee.....Halifax "
N. A. Stonestreet.....Mocksville "
W. C. Whitaker.....Roanoke "
Rev. I. N. Hunt.....Surry Mission.
W. H. Hart.....Henderson Station.
J. P. M. Pickett.....Randolph Circuit.
W. W. Rankin.....Haw River "
N. T. Hyatt.....Ivey "
J. R. Dwiggins.....Flat Rock "
H. C. Coble.....Greensboro "
J. Renn.....N. Granville "
R. T. Pickens.....Winston "
D. W. Hartis.....Mecklenburg "
S. E. Rogers.....Granville "
J. M. Lindley.....Alamance "
J. H. Crew.....Spring Church.
A. W. Cavness.....Ashboro Circuit.
J. W. Barrett.....Buncombe "
C. R. Cox.....Cedar Falls "
D. C. Murchison.....LaGrange Mission.
J. G. Surratt.....Davidson Circuit.
J. W. Guyer.....Guilford "
E. H. Bradley.....Catawba "
A. R. Hunter.....Forsyth "
J. B. Vaughn.....Winston Station.

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